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Canadian killed in Mumbai

INDIA Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon stated early today that a Canadian was killed in the attacks in Mumbai, and would not identify the person nor give further details, until next of kin had been notified.

Officials also said a Canadian couple, apparently in India for a meditation program, are among the more than 300 people hurt in the attacks, as Indian commandos continued to fight for control of two luxury hotels and a Jewish centre.

In all, at least 119 people are dead and 315 injured when armed militants fanned out across Mumbai, India's financial capital, Wednesday in a series of co-ordinated attacks. They struck at sites that are popular with tourists and business people, including the Oberoi and another luxury hotel.

Yesterday Cannon said officials were still collecting information on the status of other Canadians in the city. He refused to address media reports that six Canadians at the hotels were unaccounted for.

The injured Canadians were ID'd as Michael Rudder of Montreal and Helen Connolly of Toronto.

The U.S.-based Synchronicity Foundation said two Canadians and two Americans, who were participating in one of its spiritual meditation programs, suffered gunshot wounds during the attack at the Oberoi hotel in Mumbai.

Kelowna residents Larry Koftinoff, 56, and his wife Bernie, 52, were in their room on the 16th floor of the Oberoi hotel, when they first heard explosions and gunfire, said their daughter, Maya Koftinoff, 24, in a telephone interview from Kelowna.

The Koftinoffs — who now are safe — barricaded themselves in their room, said Maya. "Then they looked and their air conditioning was leaking smoke into their room, so my dad took the ironing board that was in their room and he smashed open the window." METRO VANCOUVER

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Karen Peterson, with the business liaison program of the Canada Line project, steps aboard one of the free hop-on, hop-off trolleys that take shoppers to businesses hard-hit by construction along Canada Line routes.

Hop on, shop the Line

Free trolley to service hard-hit businesses for holidays

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To give hard-hit businesses a leg-up, the Canada Line is running a free hop-on, hop-off Holiday Shopping Trolley along the construction route.

Starting today and on each Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Dec. 21, the trolley — adorned with holiday decorations — will pick up and drop off shoppers at seven locations along the Canada Line route.

Karen Peterson, independent project director for the business liaison program of the Canada Line project, said this lets shoppers find unique gifts while supporting local businesses.

Many of the businesses along the route have been struggling financially because construction of the line has slowed or diverted traffic.

On Nov. 12, several merchants along Cambie Street filed a lawsuit against the Canada Line asking for compensation for loss of revenue.

Giriraj Gautam, who owns a convenience store on Cambie Street, told Metro last year that his business was kept afloat because his landlord lowered his rent.

"We know it's going to be a tough year for merchants overall, and we thought we'd find a fun way to bring lots of people and come shop the Line," Peterson said. "(And) you can avoid traffic and parking."

The trolleys stop every 25 minutes in Cambie Village, the Oakridge Area, Yaletown, downtown Granville, the Art Gallery, Library Square and Burrard Station.

Schedule

- The trolley starts today and runs every weekend until Dec. 21.
- It runs from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.
- For more information, visit *shoptheline.ca*.

Tory fiscal update claims recession, has opposition in arms

ECONOMY The Canadian economy has slipped into recession and the federal coffers are on the verge of running dry for the first time in 13 years, the government said yesterday in a report that raised the prospect of an early election.

In his annual economic and fiscal update, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said a small surplus is expected and rejected the idea of an immediate fiscal stimulus.

The statement stunned opposition parties, which slammed Ottawa for failing to produce a plan to combat the global financial crisis.

If all three opposition parties reject the package in a vote scheduled for Monday, the government would be defeated only a few weeks after it was returned to power in an Oct. 14 election. REUTERS

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Rae to visit Vancouver for party meetings
Federal Liberal leadership candidate Bob Rae will be in Vancouver today and tomorrow to host town hall-style meetings with West Coast members of the Liberal Party. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Local

Yoga-thon fundraiser

The Croatian Cultural Centre is kicking off 24 straight hours of yoga tomorrow for the second annual 24-hour yoga relay. Yoga4Kidzwill be donating all proceeds from the event to UNICEF Canada's Unite for Children, Unite against AIDS campaign.
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News in brief

CHILDREN The mother-baby program for inmates at Alouette Correctional Centre for Women should be reinstated, the B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union says. Twelve mothers and babies were part of the program. Social workers at the Ministry of Children and Families are concerned that seizing babies from mothers will result in less meaningful relationships. Since 2003, federal prisons have allowed children to live with their mothers in jail.

MOUNTAINS Hikers are being warned about treacherous conditions in the North Shore mountains, news1130.com reports. North Shore Rescue said freezing rain at higher elevations has created ice rink-like conditions on trails and only people with crampons, ice axes and ropes should venture into higher elevations.

SHOPPING Six Wal-Mart stores in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland are going to stay open 24 hours a day between Dec. 1 and 24. Nationally, the company will keep 192 of 310 stores open around the clock ahead of the holidays.
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Year-old mascots gain new friend

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On the one-year anniversary of their inception, the 2010 mascots' cyber sidekick Mukmuk has been freed from the virtual world and released onto store shelves.

The Vancouver Island marmot, who until yesterday existed solely online, officially became the fourth Vancouver Olympic mascot at a birthday party for Miga, Quatchi and Sumi.

Mukmuk rose to fame interacting with the public on the web through online games, and acting as postmaster for the public's questions about the Olympics.

Facebook groups were even created to petition for his release from cyber jail.

The Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC) launched a new line of merchandise featuring Mukmuk on pins, T-shirts, playing cards, travel pillows and a toque.

Special-edition box sets of Mukmuk with Miga, Quatchi and Sumi are also available.

KRISTEN THOMPSON / METRO VANCOUVER

Vancouver's 2010 mascots — Miga, from left, Quatchi and Sumi — appear at the downtown Bay store in Vancouver yesterday. The mascots are celebrating their first birthday tomorrow.

"Since their introduction one year ago (the mascots) have been welcomed into the homes of thousands of Olympic fans," said Dennis Kim, director of licensing and merchandising for VANOC.

"Mukmuk himself has become incredibly popular. In fact, he's developed a great fan base, so in response, we're pleased to offer this line of Mukmuk products."

The mascots handed out special invitations at The Bay's downtown store yesterday, welcoming shoppers to their birthday parties tomorrow, where they will be handing out slices of cake.

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Join the party
Mascot birthday celebrations

- The Bay Park Royal from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m
- The Bay Downtown from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- The Bay Metrotown from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- The Bay Oakridge from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- The Bay Richmond from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Olympic countdown stands still

ETHAN ROTBERG
for Metro Vancouver

The countdown to the 2010 Olympics ended yesterday morning — temporarily.

Officials were notified that the Olympic Countdown Clock had stopped working, and a crowd quickly formed as soon as the clock's display went blank.

Tourists and passersby shot photos in front of the clock, recording the moment in which time stood still.

A representative of the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee said he does not think vandalism is to blame. Faulty wiring is a more likely explanation.

Maintenance crews were sent out to reset the clock.

The six-metre high digital clock, located outside the Vancouver Art Gallery, has been the target of vandalism several times before, and it was unveiled among anti-Olympic protests in February 2007.

Still tickin'

- Despite the malfunction, the clock counting down to the Paralympic Games continued to run normally.

Sleeman sues Dead Frog over beer-bottle designs

LAWSUIT Sleeman Breweries has taken a local beermaker to court over the trademark of its clear glass bottle. Dead Frog Brewery's flared shoulders and wide foot bottles have similar characteristics to other well-known brands, said Derrick Smith, the brewery's president.

"This lawsuit is silly, a waste of time and energy," he said. "Aside from our logo on the front, this is a relatively generic, utilitarian bottle design."

Christopher Wilson, a partner with Vancouver law firm Bull Housser and Tupper LLP, said that Sleeman doesn't have a monopoly on clear glass bottles, and that any similarities likely wouldn't confuse the public.
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Music festival looking for solutions

The company that organized the Pemberton Music Festival hasn't decided if it will put on the event next year, despite the province saying it could use the land again. Live Nation said it first wants to find a solution to the traffic problems it encountered last year. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Poor in public spaces targeted: Report

POVERTY Private security patrols on public space target poor people and should be banned, according to the Pivot Legal Society.

The non-profit legal advocacy organization conducted a study that found "the poorer people are, the more likely they are to be interrogated, harassed or experience violence at the hands of private security guards."

The report, Security Before Justice, is based on interviews with 160 residents of the Downtown Eastside.

"The poorer people are, the more likely they are to ... experience violence at the hands of private security guards."
Pivot report

Pivot lawyer Laura Track said people's rights to make equal use of public space are being violated.

"Business improvement associations are hiring these guards to manage public streets and sidewalks as though they were private property."

The study's authors are calling on the City of Vancouver to cancel the Downtown Ambassador program and redirect the roughly $1.8 million spent annually on private security into outreach services for the homeless.

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Serving up some Brunch with Benefits

ETHAN ROTBERG
for Metro Vancouver

This weekend, going out for brunch might be even more satisfying knowing the proceeds are going to a good cause.

To help create awareness of Monday's World AIDS Day, this weekend will mark the third annual AIDS Benedict, Brunch with Benefits event.

Twenty-three restaurants in the city will be contributing funds from their brunch to youth in B.C. who are impacted by HIV and AIDS.

Andrew Amy, manager of Subeez Café, said they wanted to get involved because it's a good cause.

"It's a blow at such a young age to be affected," he said. "The least we can do is give just a little bit back."

Subeez will be preparing a special egg dish for its weekend brunch and donating 100 per cent of the proceeds from the dish to the charities.

"Our weekend brunches are always busy, so I think it will be a successful few days," Amy said. He added the restaurant has always tried to remain active in giving to charities.

The event has grown quite a bit in the last two years, going from five participating restaurants the first year, to 23.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Server Stéphanie Boutet brings a plate of eggs benedict at Subeez Café yesterday. Proceeds from sales of that dish this weekend will go toward the AIDS Benedict fundraiser.

Event co-ordinator Madaleine Kipling said she has really high hopes this year. "It won't really feel like a fundraiser. We made it so it feels more like just going out for brunch," she said.

Servers will have information sheets so customers can learn more about the charities. Contributions will be going to YouthCo AIDS Society and camp Moomba, Canada's only camp offering year-round trips to youths impacted by HIV and AIDS.

For a list of restaurants log on to www.aidsbenedict.ca.

News in brief

POLITICS NDP Leader Carole James said she's counting on union support to help deliver a New Democrat win in the B.C. election, *cknw.com* reports. James made the speech at the B.C. Federation of Labour annual convention in Vancouver, saying she anticipates a hard-fought race in the spring.

COMMUNICATION The Richmond RCMP detachment was one of about a thousand customers without phone service after a water main break. Cpl. Nycki Basra said 911 calls and police services were not affected.

CHARGES Two men have been arrested in connection with a stabbing in Chilliwack, RCMP said yesterday. Police said a fight broke out in a hotel parking lot from a "drug deal gone bad," leaving one man stabbed in the back. Ryan Walsh and Jordan Plante, both 22, were arrested.

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Ontario look to curb cigarillo use

Ontario MPPs yesterday pushed a rare bipartisan effort to curb easily accessible small cigars that are imported from the U.S. and India, and cost between $1 and $1.25 a piece. The private members bill says the candy-flavoured cigars target youth. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Do-not-call list complaints pile up

Thousands of Canadians have called the CRTC to complain about its newly launched do-not-call list, with some saying they are receiving more calls than ever after having registered with the service. The do-not-call list allows Canadians to add their phone numbers — both landline and wireless — to a database that is circulated to telemarketers. A telemarketer that calls a number on the list is liable for a fine up to $15,000. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Tories promise crackdown on big spenders

GOVERNMENT The federal government will crack down on high-flying ministers, aides and public servants who spend too much taxpayer money on trips and hospitality.

"We are directing government ministers and deputy ministers from every single department and agency of the government to rein in their spending on travel, hospitality, conferences, exchanges and professional services," Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said in his economic update yesterday.

Flaherty said "there will be no free ride for anyone else in government," and added that instructions are going out to all government departments to save money by managing spending.

The findings data on travel expenses was a stark contrast to the frugal image of the Stephen Harper Conservatives, who, when in opposition, frequently criticized the Liberals on costs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Travel

- This plan comes on the heels of an investigation published last weekend that detailed numerous examples of ministers travelling overseas at first-class prices in large entourages.
- Former agriculture minister Chuck Strahl spent $84,000 on flight and accommodations for himself and eight aides to attend WTO talks.

Rallying for Shinerama

Dozens of university students march, take up collection

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

In a move to show their support for Cystic Fibrosis research — and earn a few bucks for the cause at the same time — Carleton University students organized a fundraiser on campus yesterday.

Several dozen students marched through campus with signs and took up collection for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation — a move that some participants hope will repair the reputation of Carleton students.

"Show the world that Carleton cares!" they chanted.

The Carleton University Students' Association voted on Monday to cancel its long-standing Shinerama fundraiser on the basis that CF mostly affected "white people, and primarily men" and was not inclusive enough a disease to represent Carleton's "diverse" campus.

When she heard what CUSA members said earlier this week, participant Marissa Hoftiezer was "horrified. I was really, really angry and at a loss for words."

The 24-year-old's sister, Becky, was diagnosed at age 2.

Hoftiezer joined the group yesterday to show her support and hopes the efforts of the students will change people's minds about Carleton students.

TRACEY TONG/METRO CANADA

Carleton University student Marissa Hoftiezer, 24, participated in yesterday's on-campus fundraiser for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Hoftiezer, whose sister, Becky, has CF, was horrified when CUSA said earlier this week that Shinerama should go.

"I'm here to show CUSA and the world that Carleton students care about Shinerama. It's tradition here at Carleton."
Christine Skobe, Carleton student with CF

"A lot of people have been saying some pretty harsh things about Carleton," she said.

But she hasn't met anyone yet who thinks Shinerama shouldn't go on.

"They should have consulted with the student body," Hoftiezer said of CUSA.

"It was a huge slap in the face," said student Christine Skobe, 20, who has CF. "I think they should make an apology.

"I'm here to show CUSA and the world that Carleton students care about Shinerama," Skobe said. "It's tradition here at Carleton. So many people support it. It would be crazy to change it."

Rally organizer Lauren Guitar said she wanted to turn "a negative situation into something positive."

So she printed off flyers and set up a Facebook site.

For donations, students hit up the O-Train station, the residences, the university centre, and the CUSA office, where they were enthusiastically greeted.

"They were more than happy to donate," Guitar said. "That shows that they care."

Hawking accepts chair in Canada

RESEARCH One of the world's most renowned physicists will provide his expertise to a Canadian science institute on a part-time basis starting next summer.

Stephen Hawking

Stephen Hawking has accepted a research chair from Waterloo's Perimeter Institute of Theoretical Physics in Ontario. Neil Turok, the institute's director and a former colleague of Dr. Hawking at Cambridge, said Hawking, the Lucasian professor of mathematics, a position once held by Isaac Newton at Cambridge, will retire from the university next year. Hawking, 66, will then provide his expertise to the institute for about six weeks next June to July, and extended periods in the coming years.
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News in brief

CRIME The judge in the David Frost trial is set to deliver his verdict today after allegations that the former hockey coach organized group sex with his young players and their girlfriends.

COLLAPSE The Quebec government says it sent a memo out two years ago to building owners warning of the potential for the same type of parking-lot collapse that killed a Montreal man this week.
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8-year-old crashes his teacher's car

An eight-year-old German schoolboy who wanted to complain to his mother about being sent out of class took his teacher's car and crashed it, police said. The boy pinched the 40-year-old teacher's car key when she was not looking and managed to start up her compact car, accelerating and putting the vehicle into first gear. REUTERS

World

Subways to be used as housing

Ten Beijing subway trains that were phased out ahead of the Olympics will be used as makeshift housing over the winter for around 1,200 victims of May's devastating earthquake, local media said yesterday. A total of 60 subway cars are being retrofitted with bunk beds to house residents of Guangyuan, Sichuan province, said the Beijing Youth Daily.

REUTERS

The lucky ones

Survivors tell their stories

- Archit Guha is counting his blessings. The Mumbai student and a group of his pals had planned on going to the Leopold Cafe Wednesday night for a friend's birthday. Instead, they decided to go on Saturday night.

"As luck would have it, we decided not to go out," Guha, 18, said yesterday. "It's spine-chilling."

- Jaspreet Singh's friend, Karan Katyal, a chef at the Oberoi Hotel, had just narrowly escaped death.

According to Singh, Katyal was in the kitchen when he heard the first gunshots. When he came out to check what was happening, the gunmen turned their weapons Katyal's way.

"He was pulled back in the nick of time and somehow managed to avoid getting shot," Singh related.

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India looks for answers

India remains on high alert today as investigators, joined by terrorism experts from around the world, strive to learn more about the shadowy group of terrorists who attacked a series of symbolic, high-profile targets in the country's financial capital of Mumbai.

AMIT DAVE/REUTERS

Schoolchildren hold candles during a vigil held yesterday in memory of the victims of Wednesday's shootings in Mumbai, in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad.

The gunmen, identified by officials as suspected Muslim militants, attacked five-star hotels the Taj Mahal and Trident-Oberoi, along with the headquarters of an ultra-orthodox Jewish outreach group, Chabad Lubavitch, and a railway station.

Several terrorists were captured alive, according to Indian officials.

India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh blamed "external" forces — code for Pakistani militants — for the violence.

But Pakistan's government, which condemned the attacks, warned India against jumping to conclusions about who was responsible.

Survivors and witnesses say the gunmen went around specifically looking for American and British citizens in the attacks, which at last word claimed 121 lives and left 279 injured, including several Canadians.

"They have AK-47s and grenades," said local military commander Maj. Gen. R. K. Hooda. "They have bags full of grenades and have come fully prepared."

During the day, commandoes brought hostages, trapped guests and corpses out of the hotels in small groups while fires erupted periodically and firefighters braved bullets to battle the flames.

Last night a team of FBI bomb and forensics experts left Los Angeles for Mumbai to help with the investigation, even as analysts around the world were debating whether the gunmen — described as young and ordinary — could have been linked to al-Qaida.

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Leaked notes raise scandal

SARKOZY Czech weekly Reflex yesterday published leaked notes from a meeting between French President Nicolas Sarkozy and the Czech Prime Minister Mirek Topolanek in Paris on Oct. 31.

According to the magazine, Sarkozy said: "Do you know what it means to be alone against all Arabs? To have them on the phone? Arabs are terrible, I assure you."

The whole scandal could be caused by mistranslation. The French meaning of the sentence 'ils sont terrible' does not have the same negative meaning as in Czech, and translates as something more like 'they are quite something.'

Franck Louvier, Sarkozy's press officer, said to Metro: "I know the story, it's a complete lie."

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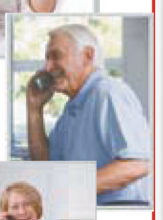

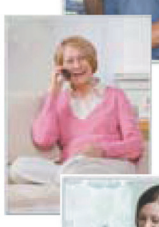

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What world in 2009?

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The (Economist's The World In) 2008 issue predicted that 'record rates of mortgage defaults and repossessions will be the most visible symbol of a deepening housing bust,' an oraculation that can be faulted not so much for its accuracy as its timidity.

Back before too much work and parenting-induced penury reduced both free time and spare cash, I used to read at least 40 magazines a month. Everything from fluffy lifestyle mags to foreign policy journals, they were the meat of my regular reading, much more so than newspapers. These days, there's a scant few I pick up regularly, and most of these end up barely scanned before ending up in a bin in the living room, waiting for those leisurely weekends that won't come until my daughters are in college.

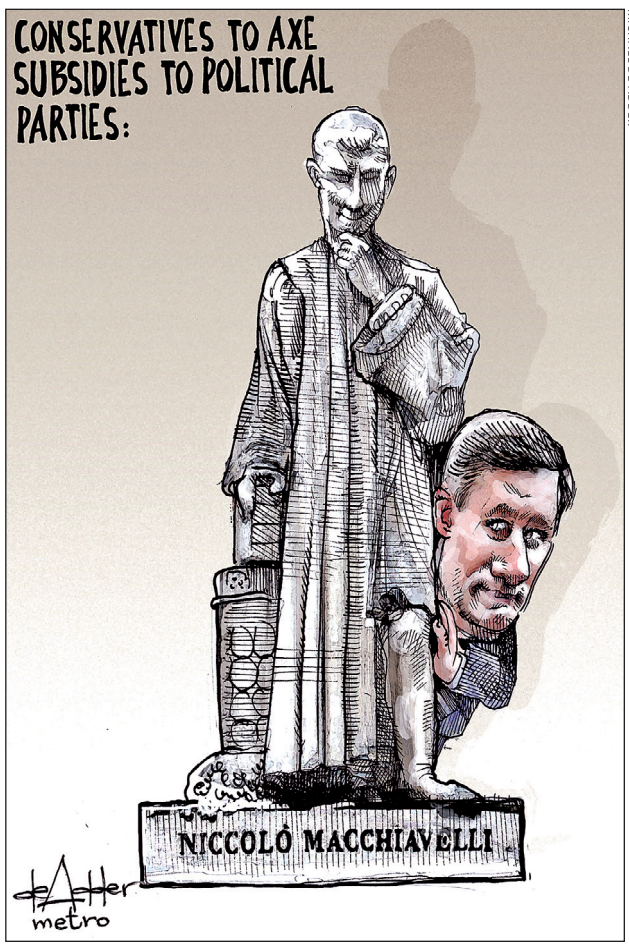
One of the few remaining titles I pick up regularly is The Economist's glossy annual exercise in prognostication, and this year's edition — the authoritatively titled The World In 2009 — hit the newsstands this week. Like its predecessors, it's thick with essays, all confidently delivered, telling us to expect more bad economic news in the year to come, with global workforces shrinking with age, Iran edging ever closer to a nuclear bomb, and luxury brands taking a beating. This year's special section is devoted to the environment; last year's was focused on China. It'll get picked at for the next month or so, after which it'll end up on a shelf, next to The World In 2008, 2007, 2006 and so on.

I hold on to these issues as keepsakes of the conventional wisdom, collected and codified on the eve of the largely arbitrary turnover of another calendar year, since they often prove to be poor almanacs for the year to come. According to The World In 2008 for instance, Hillary Clinton was the likely bet to lead the Democrats into the White House, since "both Mr. Obama and Mr. Edwards come across as too lightweight." Time, of course, may prove if even a wrong prediction might still contain a kernel of insight.

The 2008 issue predicted that "record rates of mortgage defaults and repossessions will be the most visible symbol of a deepening housing bust," an oraculation that can be faulted not so much for its accuracy as its timidity. The 2004 issue contained an optimistic note on Paul Martin's imminent move into the Prime Minister's office, predicting that his tenure in office would benefit from "political continuity; balanced budgets; strong economic growth: where's the catch?" It seems so long ago now.

There's barely a mention of terrorism in The World In 2001, which set the tone for that year with an editorial essay summing up the economic bounty we could expect in the year to come: "Nerve-wracking it may be, but this is surely a golden age," wrote Clive Crook, the magazine's deputy editor. Nerve-wracking it was — little did you know, Mr. Crook.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



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Views

How 'cave people' spoiled the party

UrbanCompass

I don't know about you, but I love a parade. Floats, marching bands, pom-pom persons … what's not to like?

So I was disappointed when I heard that plans to hold the first Abbotsford Gay Pride Parade have been cancelled.

Now there's a parade I'd even travel over the Port Mann Bridge for. What fun! Unfortunately, some good folks in Abbostford were not so enthused. When Chantelle Gregg, a Grade 11 student at Abbotsford Collegiate, decided to organize a gay pride parade to protest the cancellation of a social justice course in her school division via Facebook, a rival Facebook group was formed to fight her plan.

At one point, that group attracted 364 righteously indignant members.

People wrote furious letters to the editor, like this one: "What is at issue is that it is not correct to teach high school students that a homosexual lifestyle is a healthy and viable alternative for youth to pursue" because "the practice of homosexuality goes completely against the grain of how we are designed." And heterosexuals won't tolerate "a practice that is abhorrent and repugnant to the vast majority of people."

In the face of this kind of high-minded opposition, Chantelle and her group decided to hold a rally instead. Rallies are never as much fun as parades, but whatever, there remains an obvious need in the Valley for some serious consciousness-raising.

This is 2008, not 1608! Gay and lesbian people are openly accepted in society.

For example: there is plenty of evidence that homosexuality is as biologically based as heterosexuality. How we handle our sexuality is one thing, but denying the biological basis of homosexuality is like denying the evolution of species, and who would do a thing like that?

Also: Apparently there are many caves in Abbotsford and these caves are inhabited by people who write letters to the editor, as there's no other explanation for that incredible statement that homosexuality is a practice that is "abhorrent and repugnant to a vast majority of people." This is 2008, not 1608! Gay and lesbian people are openly accepted in society. They can get married and have children and lead open lives just like thin-lipped, fussy, self-righteous heterosexuals.

If Chantelle and her group aren't going to hold a parade, maybe I will, and call it the People Who Aren't Stuck in the 17th Century Parade. Instead of those little motorcycles that the Shriners have, we'll wheel down the main street of Abbotsford in tiny hybrids and pass out free smiles. For everyone.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist, owner of Sullivan Media consulting, and editor-in-chief of Orato.com, the citizen news website.

Letters

Why spend tax dollars for immigrants' English needs?

I am appalled that immigrants coming to this country expect the government to pay for their English lessons. One would think that if a person was so anxious to change his or her whole life and move to another country they would at least have the courtesy to learn the language of that country.

I feel our tax dollars would be better spent on things that really need it — homelessness, health care, etc.

Kudos to Maureen Bader for taking a stand on a subject no one else seems to be brave enough to speak out about.

COREEN KERR
BURNABY

Hells Angels prosecutions are a human-rights issue

The Hell Angels motorcycle club is not a criminal organization and deserve the same rights as any other person.

In March this year, a landmark ruling by a B.C. judge said that "a full-patch Hells Angels member and two of his associates are not members of a criminal organization." The trial was a key test of new "federal anti-gang legislation," and if the Hells Angels were deemed a criminal organization, police would have been able to seize their assets.

There are so many urban legends around the Hells Angels, all perpetrated by law enforcement and eaten up by the public. They are an easy target. It is not fair that a "select few" have rights violated.

A recent decision in Alberta has some legal experts saying publicly that it could eventually place limits on the way police try to control the movement of "biker gangs."

I maintain that these cases revolve around fundamental rights that all citizens are entitled to, whether they drive motorcycles or not.

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Two-for-one car promo has arrived

Burlington, Ont., Hyundai is offering a minivan at full price, plus a subcompact car for free today and Saturday. The general manager of the lot said the offer "pulls us out of the herd" and spurs auto sales before they plunge as expected. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Citigroup cuts 12 jobs in Canada

LAYOFFS The Canadian unit of Citigroup is cutting a dozen investment banking jobs, the latest in a series of industry downsizings, as the New York-based company sheds thousands of positions worldwide.

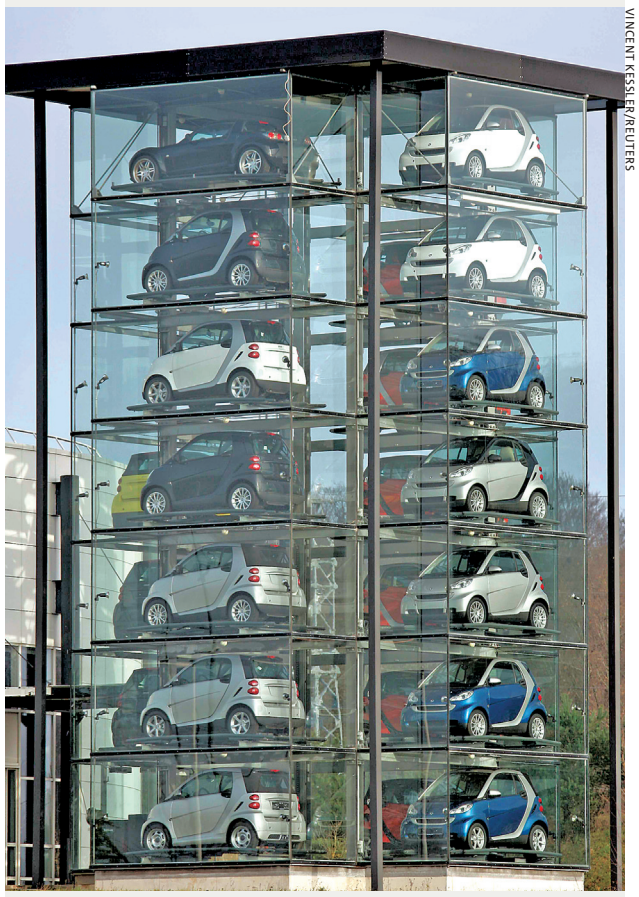
Its Canadian clients will still be served by corporate bankers and by investment bankers outside the country, a spokeswoman said. **REUTERS**

In brief

MERGER With the $52-billion US deal to buy BCE stalled, investors again raised the idea of merging Bell Canada with Telus Corp. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

MARKETS Oil fell to around $53 US a barrel yesterday as a holiday weekend in the United States and an upcoming OPEC consultative meeting limited trade. Oil fundamentals are weak, with U.S. crude stocks rising sharply and oil demand in the United States falling in September to its lowest level for any month in more than a decade. **REUTERS**

Smart Cars **Rising above the rest**



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Smart Cars are seen on display next to the Smart Cars factory in Hambach, France, yesterday.

Hungry U.S. retailers lure in Canadians with big sales

With U.S. consumers in a funk, retailers south of the border have stepped up efforts to lure Canadians into their stores and websites today for "Black Friday," the busiest shopping days on the American calendar.

But they could be in for a tough fight. Canadian retailers are striking back with deeper discounts, longer store hours and new catchphrases such as The Brick's "Red Day," to instil thoughts of U.S.-style Thanksgiving savings in consumers' minds.

> **"Maybe we can get some Canadians to come in and spend some money."**
> Darrel Ryce

Some Canadian retailers, such as Sears, are even going so far as to say they're offering Boxing Day-style savings this weekend.

Darrel Ryce with The NPD Group has noticed Canadian retailers making an effort to hold onto their customers. "I think a lot of it has to do with getting the dollar out of that person's wallet now, before they spend it somewhere else."

On the U.S. side, where retail sales have fallen dramatically in recent months, mall owners were offering free $20 US gift certificates, or advertising U.S. Thanksgiving deals in Canadian newspapers.

"If Americans are not going to spend as much, maybe we can get some Canadians to come in and spend some money," Ryce notes. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Loblaws to charge for plastic bags

GROCERY Loblaw Co., Canada's biggest supermarket chain, said yesterday that it will start charging customers a fee for every plastic shopping bag they use.

The company, with more than 1,000 grocery stores across Canada, said it would begin charging customers five cents a bag on April 22, 2009, which is Earth Day.

The company announced that it would also encourage customers to use alternatives to plastic bags and enhance its offer of affordable and reusable bag options. **REUTERS**

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Chevrolet Malibu
2008 North American Car of the Year
(Hybrid shown)

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Attacks postpone cricket matches

International cricket in India will go into recess for at least two weeks in the wake of terror attacks in Mumbai. England and India officials agreed in an emergency meeting yesterday to postpone the last two matches of their international series. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

'We're talking about practice, man'

Allen Iverson missed a mandatory Detroit Pistons practice on U.S. Thanksgiving yesterday, and will be fined by the team, coach Michael Curry said. In May 2002, the then-Philadelphia 76er Iverson launched into a famous rant during a news conference, responding to criticism he had taken for missing several practices. Curry also said Iverson will not start tonight against Milwaukee.

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Burke to officially join Maple Leafs

NHL Brian Burke has officially signed a contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs that will have the former Vancouver Canucks and Anaheim Ducks GM take over as Toronto's president and general manager.

Burke

The deal will reportedly pay Burke $18 million US over six years and give him full power over hockey operations.

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Cammelleri sinks Canucks

NHL RESULT

Flames 4 Canucks 3

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Curtis Glencross scores the game winner in the third period last night.

THE SKINNY: Mike Cammelleri's first career hat trick paced the Flames to their first win in three games against the Canucks this season. Curtis Glencross scored the winning goal on a breakaway with less than seven minutes to go in the third period, just two minutes after Mason Raymond had notched the equalizer for the Canucks.

THE BANK SHOT: Take your pick. Mikka Kiprusoff stoned Jannik Hansen on breakaway in the second period, and then robbed Mason Raymond at the end of a powerplay shortly thereafter.

THE STREAK: Is over. The loss is the first in regulation for the Canucks since Nov. 2, and the first in four games for goalie Curtis Sanford. Vancouver had picked up points in 10 straight games prior to Thursday.

THE SCHNEID: Darcy Hordichuk is now off it as his first goal as a Canuck opened the scoring.

THE INEVITABLE: Jarome Iginla recorded two assists for his first points this season against Vancouver.

THE RATING: This was the type of tough divisional tilt that fans expect from a Flames-Canucks contest. 4.5 out of 5 stars.

THE NEXT GAME: These same two teams will face off in Calgary on Saturday night. That game could mark Cory Schneider's first NHL start, although most pundits are predicting that Sanford will once again get the call in goal.

AIRMILES: Vancouver now heads out on the road for a season-long seven-game road trip.

Romo, Cowboys whip Seahawks

NFL ROUNDUP

Tony Romo threw three touchdowns as the Dallas Cowboys destroyed the Seattle Seahawks, 34-9 in U.S. Thanksgiving Day action yesterday. Romo went 22-for-34 with 331 yards for the Cowboys (8-4), who have won three straight. Marion Barber had 10 carries for 32 yards and a touchdown, but left in the third quarter after getting his foot stepped on. DeMarcus Ware had three sacks and now has 15 on the season to lead the NFL, but he sprained his left knee late in the third quarter and did not return. Phillips said after the game that X-Rays on Barber were negative while Ware will be evaluated later. Matt Hasselbeck went 22-for-38 with 287 yards and an interception while John Carlson had five catches for 105 yards for the Seahawks (2-10), who have lost their past five games.

TITANS 47, LIONS 10

Chris Johnson racked up 125 yards while LenDale White gained 106 yards for the Titans, who dropped Detroit to 0-12 on the year.

EAGLES 48, CARDINALS 20

In Philadelphia, the Eagles pounded the Arizona Cardinals 48-20, with Donovan McNabb throwing four touchdown passes and Brian Westbrook tying a team record with four scores. McNabb had been benched a week ago.

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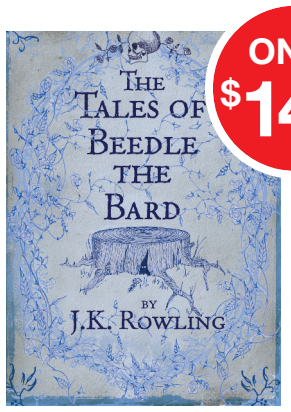

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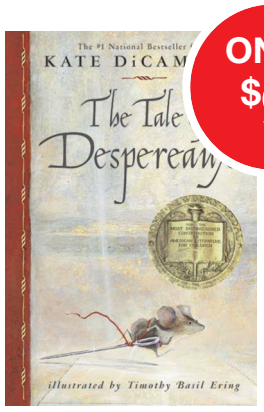

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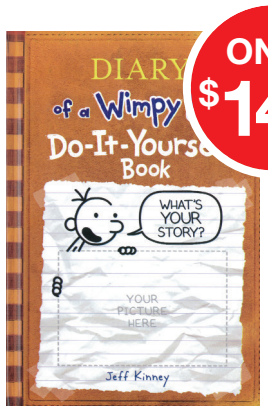

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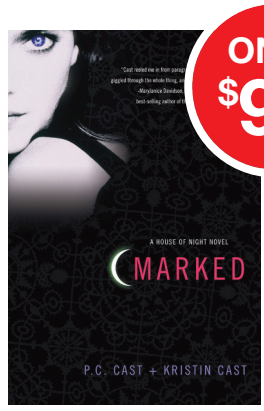

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Maciocia leaves sidelines
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Kobe goes from 'me-me' to 'we-we'

Obscured by the fact that the Los Angeles Lakers have catapulted to a remarkable, NBA-best 12-1 start is Kobe Bryant's slump.

Yep, production by the Lakers' marquee player is down across the board. Yet the Lakers are winning, and usually by huge margins.

"Kobe seems to understand now that if it's not his night, he has to help the other guys play well," Lakers coach Phil Jackson told me yesterday. "He's become more of a we-we guy and less of a me-me guy."

• The Lakers' cross-town rivals, meanwhile, are performing in a diametrically opposed fashion.

The Clippers, perennial dregs, are 2-12, and they're already planning to shake up their roster. They're even willing to trade their top off-season acquisition — former Toronto Raptor Marcus Camby.

• Quarterback Michael Vick, completing his sentence for mistreating dogs, is keeping in first-rate shape in prison and plans to formally apply soon for reinstatement with the NFL and the Atlanta Falcons.

The Falcons, however, don't want him back and there's widespread speculation that, despite his exceptional talents, NFL clubs will stay away from him.

Which raises the question: Could Vick wind up in the CFL?

"Anyone who wants Michael better be prepared to face the dog lovers of America," Kansas City Chiefs general manager Carl Peterson said. "There'll be a lot of problems. People love their pets, and particularly dogs. There'll be protests, people expressing their thoughts — even though he's served his time.

"And that goes for Canada, too."

• Although kicker Sandro DeAngelis is commanding lots of attention down south, he's telling everyone and anyone that he'll return to Calgary for his fifth year with the Stampeders unless he is guaranteed a respectable signing bonus from an NFL club.

For more on DeAngelis, check out my latest CFL Report at *www.metronews.ca.*

• The New York Yankees are strongly pursuing ex-Blue Jays second baseman Orlando Hudson and will trade Robinson Cano if they sign the O-Dog.

And the world champion Philadelphia Phillies are about to re-sign 46-year-old pitcher Jamie Moyer.

• A new offer for megabucks has been made to NHL free agent Mats Sundin, who likely will narrow his list of possibilities to three teams next week. He's eyeing a January return. Besides Tampa Bay, clubs pursuing him include the Toronto Maple Leafs, Ottawa Senators, Vancouver Canucks, Montreal Canadiens, Philadelphia Flyers, Chicago Blackhawks, New York Rangers, New York Islanders and Anaheim Ducks.

And I only have one word about the Leafs' decision to hire the irascible Brian Burke as club bossman:

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Minnesota	12	7	1	25
Colorado	10	11	0	20
Edmonton	9	10	2	20

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	OL	PTS
Detroit	14	3	4	32
Chicago	10	4	6	26
Nashville	10	9	2	22
Columbus	9	9	3	21
St. Louis	9	9	2	20

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	OL	PTS
San Jose	18	3	1	37
Anaheim	12	8	3	27
Los Angeles	9	9	3	21
Phoenix	9	10	2	20
Dallas	7	10	4	18

EASTERN CONFERENCE
NORTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	OL	PTS
Boston	14	4	4	32
Montreal	12	5	4	28
Buffalo	10	8	3	23
Ottawa	8	9	4	20
Toronto	7	9	6	20

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	OL	PTS
N.Y. Rangers	16	7	2	34
Pittsburgh	13	5	3	29
New Jersey	12	7	2	26
Philadelphia	11	6	4	26
N.Y. Islanders	9	11	2	20

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Atlanta	8	11	2	18
Florida	8	11	2	18

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Chicago at Anaheim
Montreal at Washington
Pittsburgh at Buffalo
Nashville at Atlanta
N.Y. Rangers at Florida
Columbus at Detroit
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Buffalo at Montreal
Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders
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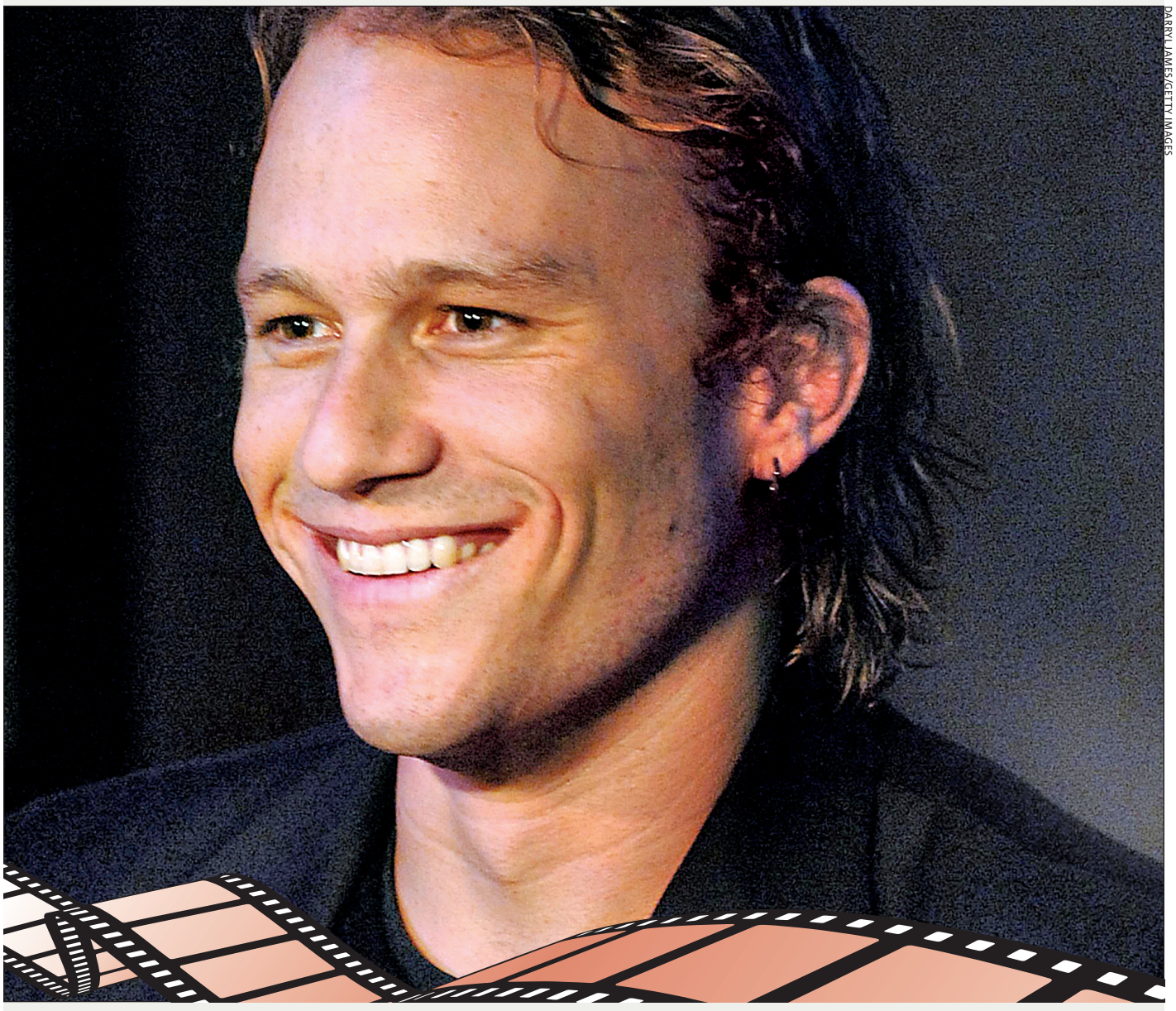

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And the nominees are ...

Metro takes a look at who deserves to win during the upcoming awards season

Metro's reviewers think Frank Langella's portrayal of Richard Nixon in Frost/Nixon, left, and Anne Hathaway in Rachel Getting Married, right, are both deserving of awards this year.

While most people are thinking about the holidays at this time of year, Hollywood is thinking about statues and accolades.

The annual award season is about to kick off, with Golden Globe nominations being handed down in mid-December, and Oscar predictions already being made.

Metro asked its movie reviewers — Richard Crouse, Steve Gow, Chris Alexander and Rick McGinnis — to weigh-in on who they think deserves props this year.

Best **actress**

CROUSE: Anne Hathaway's intense, unvarnished performance in Rachel Getting Married reveals the pain that lurks beneath the character's goth-like exterior. She's tough and fragile; someone who is able to live with past sins, but can't get over them. It's the award caliber performance she has hinted at before, but never delivered.

ALEXANDER: Angelina Jolie for Changeling or Meryl Streep for Doubt. Good movies, and blistering performances in both films.

GOW: Anne Hathaway for Rachel Getting Married. Many are arguing that Hathaway's role as a recovering addict was way too celebrated to ignore. The only question is: Can she avoid being upstaged by Doubt's Meryl Streep?

MCGINNIS: If Kate Winslet gets nominated for both The Reader and Revolutionary Road, it's not hard to see how she won't blow past Keira Knightley or Nicole Kidman.

Best **actor**

CROUSE: In Frank Langella's hands Richard (Tricky Dick) Nixon, one of the most vilified public figures of the last fifty years, becomes almost sympathetic in Frost/Nixon.

ALEXANDER: It needs to go to my favourite underdog, Mickey Rourke, in The Wrestler. Will it? Maybe ... Hollywood loves comebacks. By that same token, I hold a special place in my heart for Jean-Claude Van Damme in JCVD. It won't happen, but man, was he good.

GOW: Frank Langella for Frost/Nixon. After winning the Tony Award for playing this role on Broadway, the 70-year-old screen legend is due to make his mark in cinema as well. Besides, with a film career that goes back 38 years, he's owed a statuette or two.

MCGINNIS: Playing gay is the way to go — just ask Tom Hanks — and Leonardo DiCaprio doesn't have a lot of love these days, so let's call it for Sean Penn in Milk.

Best **director**

CROUSE: Slumdog Millionaire is Danny Boyle's most complex movie yet, encompassing everything from romance to action, comedy to anguish, treachery, greed and yes, even a musical number (stay through the credits). It's a wild ride featuring Boyle's hyper visual style, a pulsating musical score, and story elements that joyfully bind together Romeo and Juliet, Bollywood gangster pictures and a rowdy coming-of-age story.

ALEXANDER: Chris Nolan redefined the parameters of mainstream pulp cinema with The Dark Knight, but I also adore the great Darren Aronofsky for The Wrestler. He deserves every accolade he gets.

GOW: Since only three films have won the best picture Oscar without their directors being nominated, it's a given Danny Boyle will get a nod.

MCGINNIS: If Clint Eastwood hadn't announced that he was retiring from acting, it might be Sam Mendes, but the Academy is a sentimental beast, and might golf clap him to a third best director statue for Gran Torino or Changeling.

Best **picture**

CROUSE: WALL-E is the first art film for kids I have ever seen. The story of a lonely robot that inadvertently gives humankind a second chance is aimed at children, but doesn't look like any other kid's movie you've seen. It's 2001: A Space Odyssey for children.

ALEXANDER: The Dark Knight. Hands down. It works on almost every level and is the best American film of the year.

GOW: Slumdog Millionaire. This dark horse may surprise a few folks, but certainly not those who have seen it. Crowds have been going wild for it and if it can ride out the hype Slumdog may just sneak itself a few big fat awards. Hey, it worked for Crash a couple years ago.

MCGINNIS: Suburban angst? Period misery a la Mad Men? The stars of Titanic and the director of American Beauty? What doesn't Revolutionary Road have in its favour?

Wild **card**

CROUSE: (Best Supporting Actor) Heath Ledger's Joker in The Dark Knight is a super villain for the new millennium; a terrorist, more interested in creating chaos than in anything else. It's a bravura performance that sees the late actor working at the top of his game as he creates the definitive version of the character.

ALEXANDER: (Best Score) I'm a soundtrack junkie and the Hans Zimmer/ James Newton Howard's music for The Dark Knight was just plain brilliant. Speaking of Zimmer, his work in Kung Fu Panda was really beautiful ... my son.

GOW: (Best Documentary) Man on Wire is about an acrobat who broke into the World Trade Center and traversed the top of the Twin Towers on a high wire in 1974. Sounds innocuous enough, but believe me, it plays out like Ocean's Eleven. It could be the best movie of the year … period.

MCGINNIS: (Best supporting actor) One day they'll be teaching kids that Heath Ledger died playing The Joker in The Dark Knight. It's not true, but Hollywood always prints the legend. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Slumdog Millionaire director Danny Boyle may draw an award.

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Julie Benz is hanging with macho, manly men these days

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Not only does Julie Benz play yin to a serial killer's yang in the hit TV show Dexter, but she also starred opposite the most macho of manly men earlier this year in Rambo. Now the soft-spoken actress is playing accomplice to yet another rugged he-man in Punisher: War Zone — hitting theatres next Friday.

"I seem to be getting vigilante themes surrounding me in my work," says Benz over the phone from New York recently. "It's because I'm so light in real life."

She may be joking but there isn't much to laugh about in Punisher: War Zone. Although it's the third cinematic adaptation of the vengeance-filled Marvel Comics character, Benz insists this is not a sequel — "It's just a very gritty urban retelling of the Punisher tale," she says.

"This is not just an action film, this is a film about a man whose family was completely annihilated," says Benz of the Punisher's origin.

"He takes on vigilante justice and is still struggling with the loss of his family so there's real heart to the role of Frank Castle (The Punisher)."

In War Zone, an evil mob boss that Castle (Ray Stevenson of HBO's Rome) left horribly disfigured forms a vengeful crime syndicate.

When a cop's wife (Benz) and her child are kidnapped by the foe, the unpredictable Punisher must reluctantly rescue the pair.

"Even though you could look at (my) films and say genre-wise they're very related, the characters I play in them are very different," says Benz.

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Actress Julie Benz

"In The Punisher, my character's a lot tougher. She's a fighter and she's willing to do anything to save her daughter."

Quote of the week

"Sometime really good writing does you a disservice as an actor. Because you can get lazy. It's doing a lot of the work for you. I guess that's good. But at the same time with material that's not so good, you have to be more inventive, because no thought has been applied to it ... So the first reading of (Doubt) was particularly exciting. I thought, 'Oh whoo! I don't need to do anything.' Wrong."

MERYL STEEP, WHO PLAYS SISTER ALOYSIUS BEAUVIER IN THE MOVIE ADAPTATION OF THE PLAY, DOUBT. IT HITS THEATRES THIS MONTH.

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Soccer can be more than just a game

FEATURE Like most of his compatriots, Oscar-winning Italian director Gabriele Salvatores loves soccer.

He can often be seen at the San Siro stadium watching his beloved team Inter Milan while the football-match-in-the-desert scene is one of the most celebrated parts of his 1989 breakthrough movie Marrakech Express.

But Salvatores, who won the 1991 best foreign film Academy Award with Mediterraneo — the story of a motley group of Italian soldiers stranded on a Greek island at the end of World War II — believes soccer can be much more than just a game.

He sets out to prove it in his latest work, Petites Historias Das Criancas, a moving documentary about children involved in the football-centered aid projects run by Inter Milan in the developing world.

"I love the idea of soccer as a team sport where everyone works so that the person in the best position can score," Salvatores told Reuters at the film's Rome presentation.

"In my opinion this is a great lesson, one we adults should keep in mind in our everyday lives.

"It seemed beautiful to tell the stories of children growing up in difficult situations of war and poverty who go to soccer schools that teach you to work in a team."

During more than a year of shooting, the director spoke to youngsters in seven of the 18 countries where Inter Campus, the club's development program, operates — Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Iran, China, Brazil and Colombia.

He said the aim is not to rear future soccer talents, but to give disadvantaged children the chance to create better futures and become positive members of their communities as adults.

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Film festival head resigns
In the wake of harsh industry criticism over his $1,500 donation to support the recently passed California ballot initiative Proposition 8, which bans gay marriage, Richard Raddon has resigned his post as director of the Los Angeles Film Festival. REUTERS

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Cera comedy flying under the radar — for now

Look at most movie databases, and you'll find no mention of a new film called Paper Hearts.

But talk to indie film insiders, and the unconventional comedy, which stars Michael Cera (Juno, Superbad) and boasts other members of filmmaker Judd Apatow's talent stable, and you'll quickly realize how high expectations are running for this semi-secret project, which is expected to debut at next year's Sundance Film Festival.

"Its pretty much 'The one,' at least as far as festival programmers are concerned," one seller said.

Those familiar with Hearts describe it as part documentary, part scripted comedy, centering on the real-life relationship between Cera and his girlfriend, Charlyne Yi, another member of the Apatow acting crew (she played the pigtailed stoner in Knocked Up). As in Cera's recent Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist, music is a key element.

Nicholas Jasenovec, a relative unknown who has worked on past Apatow titles, makes his directing debut with the feature.

United Talent Agency — which packaged the movie and will sell it in Park City — has been careful to limit advance word, presumably in hopes of making a splash a la Sundance phenomenon Napoleon Dynamite. After hyped Sundance movies like What Just Happened fizzled this past year, most sellers believe it wise to keep expectations in check. "Any movie that's going to be touted too much will have a bull's-eye on its back," said one indie vet.

Still, some potential Sundance entries already are beginning to generate talk ahead of next week's slate announcement. Ashton Kutcher's raunch comedy Spread, Endgame Entertainment's '60s coming-of-age story An Education, Shana Feste's lost-child drama The Greatest and Antoine Fuqua's cop tale Brooklyn's Finest are setting tongues wagging.

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InFocus

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Portraying politicians on the big screen: 'Yes we can!'

This year may go down in the history books as the year politics became hip again. Barack Obama's "Yes we can!" vigor reignited America's political passion, helping to break a forty-year-old Election Day turn-out record and actually get people under the age of seventy to tune into Meet the Press.

That excitement has infected Hollywood as well. This year sees three high profile political biographies hit theatres: W., about the life and wild times of George W. Bush; the soon-to-be released Frost/Nixon; and this week's limited release Milk, starring Sean Penn as the first openly gay man elected to public office in the USA.

Hollywood has often looked to politics for inspiration. Anthony Hopkins's portrayal of rubber-cheeked Tricky Dicky in Nixon was nominated for a Best Actor Oscar, as was Raymond Massey's take on the 16th president in Abe Lincoln in Illinois, Alexander Knox's Woodrow Wilson in Wilson and James Whitmore as Harry Truman in Give 'em Hell, Harry.

Not all political movies earn Oscar consideration, but that doesn't mean they aren't entertaining. Wild in the Streets, a 1968 counter-culture cult film about Max Frost, a multi-millionaire rock star with plans to take over the government, is one of the wilder political "what-if" films.

Frost's scheme begins with staged riots on the Sunset Strip. Next he spikes Washington's drinking water supply with LSD and while D.C.'s powerbrokers are hallucinating he gets them to pass a law lowering the age limit for all elected offices to 14. Soon he wins the Oval Office, immediately imprisoning everyone over 30 in concentration camps where they wear dark robes and are perpetually stoned on LSD.

Seen through today's eyes the film is little more than a fun, druggy artifact from the freewheeling sixties, but at the time its message was taken seriously by some in the establishment. At 1968's Presidential Convention the Mayor of Chicago hired security to protect the city's water supply from being laced with LSD.

Other unconventional political films include Whoops Apocalypse which sees America's first female president, played by M*A*S*H's Loretta Swit, try to avoid World War III and 1964s Kisses for My President which focuses on the tough job of First Husband as he puts a masculine spin on the role of First Lady, hosting women's groups and garden parties.

Richard Crouse is the author of Son of the 100 Best Movies You've Never Seen and film critic for CTV's Canada AM.

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Movie **morsels**

Australia

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REVIEW Australia is a beautifully filmed study of a vast land that — as one character says — has "a strange power." What director Baz Luhrmann should fret over is the drawn-out narrative that plays to melodramatic excess. Set during the outbreak of World War II, Australia features Nicole Kidman as Lady Ashley, widow of a mysteriously murdered cattle ranch owner. When confronted by her husband's rival with a takeover bid, Ashley hires a maverick stockman (Hugh Jackman) and joins him on a massive cattle drive across the outback.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Body of Lies

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REVIEW In director Ridley Scott's latest film, a CIA field agent (Leonardo DiCaprio) is not only tracking down an Osama bin Laden-like terrorist leader, but he's doing so under the guidance of stay-at-home chief Ed Hoffman (Russell Crowe). Observing Ferris' moves from the eyes of unmanned spy drones, Hoffman calls the shots over a Bluetooth in America.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

John Travolta provides the title-voice of Bolt in Disney's new animated film.

Bolt

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REVIEW Essentially, this tale about the unyielding loyalty of canines is as heart-tugging as any Disney movie out there. Even better, the film excels in skill, depth and maturity equaling that of Wall-E and Ratatouille. Not really surprising since Pixar's brilliant chief John Lasseter is now running Disney's animation department as well.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Burn After Reading

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REVIEW Barely a year after Joel and Ethan Coen released one of the finest movies of their career, No Country For Old Men, the auteur siblings have returned. In typical Coen style they made a tonal 180-degree turn, moving from a tightly crafted thriller that ruminates on the nature of violence to a fast-paced comedic farce that plays hatchet murders for slapstick comedy.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Changeling

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REVIEW Directed by legendary icon Clint Eastwood, Changeling tells the emotional journey of Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie), a single mother in 1920s Los Angeles who comes home to find her son missing. Following weeks of relentlessly searching, the police suddenly show up with her child, reporters in tow. Great. Only there's a catch: It ain't him.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Four Christmases

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REVIEW Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon star as a professional couple who always avoid their families during. After the film's worst plot contrivance traps them in the country and broadcasts their availability to their kin, the couple — Vaughn and Witherspoon — embark on their dreaded four Christmases. Sure, this is no future Christmas classic, but it will be a movie that you won't angrily turn off when it starts airing on television during the holidays.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

High School Musical 3: Senior Year

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REVIEW It's very likely that only a handful of adults have seen the previous two High School Musical incarnations that follow the dancing and singing students of Albuquerque's Eastside High. Adults can actually attend the movie without too much fear. Sure, the storyline is very basic, and squeaky Mickey Mouse-clean — you may doze off occasionally — but there is great energy in this film.

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Movie morsels

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa
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REVIEW If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Yes, it's an archaic, overused adage, but when it comes to Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, it also applies. The movie isn't without its improvements: It has plenty of jokes and inside-gags for the adults but they're mostly just recycled sensibilities from the 2005 film. Of course, the story is what really counts, and Madagascar 2 tells too many tales.
Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Quantum of Solace
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REVIEW The movie starts literally minutes after its predecessor, Casino Royale, ended, with a pre-credit car chase that sums up director Marc Forster's brisk approach to the story. Action scenes are the meat of Bond movies. Most of what we see in Quantum of Solace is at least as good as the standards set in previous films; relentless, and more than a bit improbable. Daniel Craig's JamesBond is still an excellent incarnation of the character.
Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Religulous
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REVIEW There are plenty of laughs but too many easy targets in Bill Maher's documentary polemic against religion, organized or disorganized, around the world. The comic and talk show host gets the upper hand in every interview we see, thanks mostly to careful editing and the use of sight gags as punch lines.
Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

RocknRolla
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REVIEW Like those acclaimed crime-dramas of the late '90s, RocknRolla explores a familiar criminal element of the London underground; namely those involved in a complex real estate scam gone wrong. There are far too many subplots to summarize, but rest assured Guy Ritchie's latest features the same narrative voiceover, cleverly crooked gangsters, and super-frenetic pacing of his earliest work.
Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Daniel Craig is back as James Bond in Quantum of Solace.

Role Models
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REVIEW Without its leading men — one uses the term loosely in this case — Role Models would be just another installment in the sub-Apatow genre, which is to say a comedy based on character and dialogue and the odd kick in the nuts. Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott are simply the best parts of a great cast that delivers a barrage of laughs.
Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Transporter 3
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REVIEW The latest entry in the lucrative but critically maligned franchise, simply called Transporter 3, and once more pits an iron jawed, black belt-sporting mercenary driver Frank Martin against a cabal of greasy, well-tailored international baddies. And while the film boasts the same clunky narrative problems and distractingly dubbed European actors as the first two installments, I'm happy to report that the breathlessly-paced Transporter makes amends by delivering some of the most delirious action set pieces of this or any other year.
Chris Alexander/Metro Canada

Twilight
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REVIEW Kristin Stewart stars as Bella, a young girl who moves to a small town and becomes instantly captivated by a classmate named Edward (Robert Pattinson) who is part of a very peculiar and insular family known as the Cullens. As Bella becomes more attracted to Edward, she discovers that the Cullens are a clan of vampires … but safe emo-vampires who only drink animal blood and spend of most of their time silently emoting and looking pretty rather than preying on helpless victims. Thus begins an epic tale of forbidden love that has made the hearts of teenage girls swoon.
Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Zack and Miri Make a Porno
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REVIEW Zack And Miri Make A Porno is a very sweet romantic comedy about two best friends discovering their love for one another. Granted they discover it while having sex on camera for a quick buck — but it is very sweet nonetheless. Summarizing the plot is pointless because the title says it all. It's also a good litmus test. If the title makes you laugh you'll probably enjoy the movie.
Phil Brown/Metro Canada

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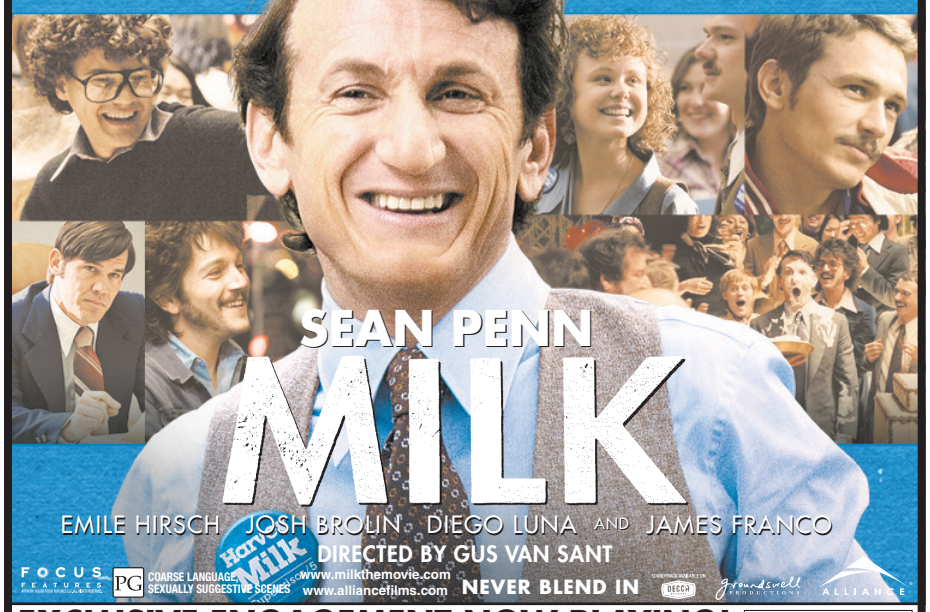

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The Alps (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4 Fri-Sat 8:30
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk in 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1 Sat 7:30
Journey Into Amazing Caves (STC) Fri-Thu 11-3 Fri 7:30
Pulse: A Stomp Odyssey (STC) Sat-Sun 5

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

The IMAX Nutcracker (STC) Fri-Thu 1-8
The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Thu 2-6-9
Santa vs. the Snowman (STC) Sat-Sun 4
Wild Ocean (G) Fri 12 Sat-Sun 12-5 Mon-Thu 12

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Quantum of Solace (14A) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

The Americanization of Emily (STC) A.M. Sat 10
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (PG) Fri-Wed 2-4:40-7:15-9:15 Thu 2-4:40-7:15
Milk (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:40
Quantum of Solace (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:45
Rachel Getting Married (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:20-9:35
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:50-9:20

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Burn After Reading (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7:10-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 7:10-9:35
The Dark Knight (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 8 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-4:25-8 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 8
Death Note 2: The Last Name (PG) Wed 7
Don Carlo - Verdi (Opera) (STC) Sat-Sun 1
The Duchess (14A) DTS Digital Fri 6:55-9:20 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 4:05-6:55-9:20 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 6:55-9:20
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Sat-Sun 1:25
Let the Right One In (STC) DTS Digital Fri 7-9:45 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:35-4:10-7-9:45 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 7-9:45
Passchendaele (14A) DTS Digital Fri 6:50-9:40 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:50-9:40 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
Religulous (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Tue 7:05-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 7:05-9:25
Tell No One (14A) DTS Digital Fri 6:45-9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:10-3:55-6:45-9:30 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Nights in Rodanthe (PG) Fri 10 Sat-Sun 4-10 Mon-Thu 10

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri 6:30-9 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:45-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 6:30-9
Quantum of Solace (14A) Fri 7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10
Twilight (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 6:50-9:45

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
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An Angel Hooked on Me (STC) Fri 9:20
The Class (STC) Sat 7
Defenders of Riga (STC) Wed 7:15
Estrellita (STC) Mon 7:30
The Front Line (STC) Sat 9:25
Jasminum (STC) Mon 9:25
Karo and God Himself (STC) Sun 9:15
Loss (STC) Wed 9:30
The Missing Star (STC) Sun 7:15
Noah's Ark (STC) Thu 7:30
The Only One (STC) Thu 9:30
Taarka (STC) Fri 7:30

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

I've Loved You So Long (French w/e.s.t.) (G) Fri 4-7-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:25 Mon 4-9:25 Tue-Thu 4-7-9:25
Saving Luna (STC) A.M. Sun 10

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Adele's Wish (STC) Wed 8
Australia (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:10-7:30 Mon-Tue 4:10-7:30 Wed 4:10 Thu 4:10-7:30

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film

Quantum of Solace (14A) Fri 7:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:45-7:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:30

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Body of Lies (18A) Fri-Mon 12:40-4-7:30-10:30 Tue 12:40-4:10:30 Wed-Thu 12:40-4-7:30-10:30
Bolt (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:20-4:50-7:15-9:45
Changeling (14A) Fri-Tue 12:10-3:20-6:30-10 Wed 3:30-6:30-10 Thu 12:10-3:20-6:30-10
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7-9
Munk Debates (STC) Mon 3:45
Quantum of Solace (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-12:50-3:10-3:50-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 Mon 12:20-12:50-3:50-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 Tue-Thu 12:20-12:50-3:10-3:50-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20
Role Models (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:10-9:40
Twilight (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-7-10:10-11
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:40 Wed 1:20-7:40-10:40 Thu 1-7:40-10:40

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-2:05-3:15-4:25-5:35-6:45-7:50-9:05-10:15
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 3-5:20-7:35-9:55
Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-2:50-4-5:10-6:20-7:30-8:40-9:50
Happy-Go-Lucky (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-7:05 Wed-Thu 1:20
JCVD (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:20-5:40-8-10:20
Rachel Getting Married (PG) Fri-Thu 4:05-9:45
RocknRolla (14A) Fri-Thu 2:25-5:05-7:45-10:30
Synecdoche, New York (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Wed 1:30-4:20-10 Thu 1:30-4:20-7:10-10
Transporter 3 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:35-2:55-4:10-5:25-6:40-7:55-9:10-10:25

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street,
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The Animation Show 4 (STC) Sat-Sun 7-9
Cuba the Value of Utopia (STC) Mon 7 Wed 9:15
Forbidden Lies (STC) Mon 9:15 Wed 7

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
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Twilight (PG) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 4:35-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:25

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
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Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri 7:10-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:10-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:25
Changeling (14A) Fri 6:40-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:35
Don Carlo - Verdi (Opera) (STC) Sat-Sun 1
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:10-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:15
Quantum of Solace (14A) Fri 7-7:15-7:30-9:40-9:50-10 Sat-Sun 1-2-4-4:30-7-7:15-7:30-9:40-9:50-10 Mon-Thu 7-7:15-7:30-9:40-9:50-10

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri 8 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:10-3:50-8 No Passes Mon-Thu 8
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Transporter 3 (14A) Fri 6:50-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-10:10
Twilight (PG) No Passes Fri 6:30-7-9:30-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-12:30-3-3:30-6:30-7-9:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-7-9:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:35 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-4:10-7:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:35
Bolt (G) No Passes Fri 5-7:15-9:35 No Passes Sat 12:30-2:45-5-7:15-9:35 No Passes Sun 12:30-2:45-5-7:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:15
Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri 4:40-7:25-9:40 No Passes Sat 12:45-4:40-7:25-9:40 No Passes Sun 12:45-4:40-7:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri 4:55-7:10-9:30 Sat 12:35-2:50-4:55-7:10-9:30 Sun 12:35-2:50-4:55-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:10
Quantum of Solace (14A) Fri 4:30-7:20-9:55 Sat 12:50-4:30-7:20-9:55 Sun 12:50-4:30-7:20 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:20 Thu 7:20
Twilight (PG) No Passes Fri 4:15-7-9:50 No Passes Sat 12:55-4:15-7-9:50 No Passes Sun 12:55-4:15-7 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-7

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-2:15-6-6:25-9:35-10
Bolt (G) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:45-1-2:10-4:15-4:50-7:10-7:40-9:50-10:20 No Passes Thu 11:45-2:10-4:15-4:50-7:10-7:40-9:50-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Changeling (14A) Fri-Tue 12:05-3:25-6:35-9:55 Wed 12:05-3:25-6:35 Thu 12:05-3:25-6:35-9:55
Death Note 2: The Last Name (PG) Wed 9:45
Dostana (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-8:45
Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1-1:35-3:55-4:25-6:50-7:20-9:40-10:05 No Passes Thu 1:35-3:55-4:25-6:50-7:20-9:40-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:15-7:50-10:35
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa: The IMAX Experience (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:20-4:40-7-9:20
Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye! (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:55-10:25
Quantum of Solace (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-2-4-5-7:15-7:45-10:15-10:45
Role Models (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:25-10:10
Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-1:25-3:10-4:35-7:05-7:35-10:05-10:40
Twilight (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-1:30-3:45-4:30-7-7:30-10-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:30-9:30
Yuvvraaj (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 5:10

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Bolt (G) Fri 7:15-9:15 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7:15-9:15 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:15
Quantum of Solace (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-5-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

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Bolt (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:55
Death Note 2: The Last Name (PG) Wed 9:45
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Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:35-10:20
Twilight (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-1-3:15-4-6:30-7:15-9:45-10:30

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Body of Lies (18A) Fri 4:35-7:20-9:55 Sat 1:40-4:35-7:20-9:55 Sun 1:40-4:35-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20
Changeling (14A) Fri 4:30-7:15-10 Sat 1:35-4:30-7:15-10 Sun 1:35-4:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15
Eagle Eye (PG) Fri 4:40-7:10-9:45 Sat 1:50-4:40-7:10-9:45 Sun 1:50-4:40-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri 4:45-7:05-9:50 Sat 1:55-4:45-7:05-9:50 Sun 1:55-4:45-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:05
Max Payne (14A) Fri 4:55-7:25-10:15 Sat 2-4:55-7:25-10:15 Sun 2-4:55-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:25
Saw V (18A) Fri 5-7:30-10:10 Sat 2:05-5-7:30-10:10 Sun 2:05-5-7:30 Mon-Thu 5-7:30
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri 4:50-7-10:05 Sat 1:45-4:50-7-10:05 Sun 1:45-4:50-7 Mon-Thu 4:50-7

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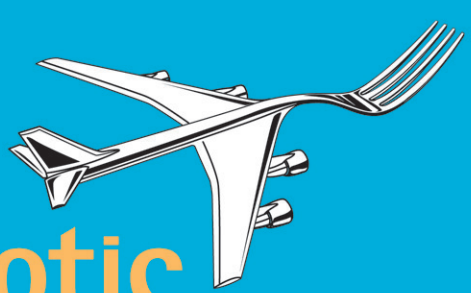

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The bestselling albums at Amazon.ca

1. And Winter Came, Enya, left; **2.** A Winter Symphony, Sarah Brightman; **3.** A Midwinter Night's Dream, Loreena McKennitt; **4.** Chinese Democracy, Guns N' Roses; **5.** Promise, Il Divo. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Music

Guns pointed at Dr. Pepper

BANDS The lawyer for Guns N' Roses and Axl Rose has castigated Dr Pepper, accusing the soda maker of failing to deliver on its promotion to offer free soda in celebration of the band's new album, Chinese Democracy. Guns N' Roses was never involved in the campaign.

A lawyer for the band has accused the company of operating an online redemption scheme that was an "unmitigated disaster which defrauded customers." **REUTERS**

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1 Whatever You Like T.I.
2 Let It Rock Kevin Rudolf
3 My Life The Game
4 Lady Gaga Poker Face
5 Rock N'Roll Train AC/DC
6 Hot N Cold Katy Perry
7 Love Lockdown Kanye West
8 Womanizer Britney Spears
9 Right Now Akon
10 Rock N'Roll Train AC/DC

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Raphael Saadiq's R&B revival

Singer-songwriter captures old-school sounds on latest album

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

The way he sees it, Raphael Saadiq figured it was time to get back to his roots. So that's what he did, and he did it pretty well all by himself.

Saadiq's most recent album, The Way I See It, sounds dated — that was the intention, and that's a compliment. The album brings back the sunny, infectious melodies of early R&B. Think Temps, Tops, Little Stevie and Smokey.

"My inspiration is basically a life of growing up around real music," Saadiq said in a recent interview from his studio in Los Angeles. "That genre of music is just something that I really loved, and is really close to my heart. And I just wanted to share it with listeners."

Raphael Saadiq's most recent album, The Way I See It brings back the sunny, infectious melodies of early R&B. Think Temps, Tops, Little Stevie and Smokey.

There's a warmth on The Way I See It that comes from Saadiq's decision to go with "real music;" real piano, drums, bass, guitar — even strings on some tracks — instead of taking the modern route and using drum machines and programming. He wanted that organic feel.

"If you play keyboards and you write on a keyboard, and then you go sit at a grand piano, you write differently," said Saadiq, former vocalist with R&B group Tony! Toni! Toné! "That's my experience. I write differently on a keyboard than I do on a grand piano.

"The natural feel just takes you a little higher."

Not only did Saadiq sing and play guitar, bass, piano and drums on the album, he also added sitar to two tracks, as well as wrote and produced it. He finished The Way I See It in four months.

"I think it would have probably taken longer if I had brought in people, the way I did it," Saadiq said about using more musicians on the album. "It doesn't take that long to throw a rhythm section together, for me. To go play the drums, play guitar, play the bass — that could take me all of 15, 20 minutes."

Saadiq is enjoying the reaction his new album is receiving. It's getting rave reviews, and — more importantly — fans are raving.

"It feels really great to know that people really want to hear the music," said Saadiq. "I'm still trying to soak it up, you know? The more I talk to people, different journalists — or go play a show. That's when you can really feel it."

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This Day In Music History
On this day in 1964 Willie Nelson, right, made his debut on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn.
REUTERS

Music

Music notes for Christmas

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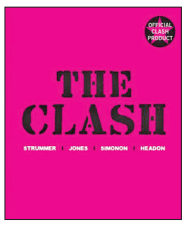
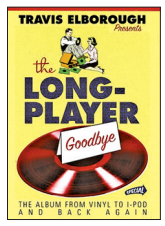
It's Black Friday in America, the traditional start of the full-contact holiday shopping frenzy. Even though for most Canadians it's just another day at work, the thought of working through the Christmas lists has no doubt begun to inspire that familiar mix of dread and nausea.

But I'm here to help. I've always been a big giver of books because I believe people need to read more. Feel free to tear out this page and use it as a shopping list.

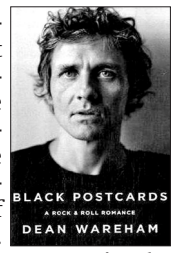


• **For the Punk Fan:** The Clash material keeps on coming. This year, there's a fantastic coffee table book (A coffee table book? About punk? And it's pink?) simply called The Clash. It's officially sanctioned by the band and its heirs and contains history, eye-witness accounts and photographs never before seen by anyone. Marvelous.

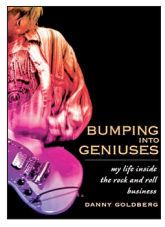
• **For the Turntable Freak:** Vinyl records are back in vogue for a certain group of obsessives (yours truly included), something that has spawned a series of books that reflect on the importance of the LP. Among the best is The Long-Player Goodbye: The Album from Vinyl to iPod and Back Again by Travis Elborough. The title pretty much says it all.



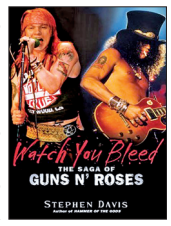
• **For the Indie Fan:** Dean Wareham used to head up a couple of excellent American indie bands — Galaxie 500 and Luna — that fell between the cracks during the grunge revolution of the 90s. He's written a memoire detailing the experience in heartbreaking detail called Black Postcards: A Rock & Roll Romance. Rock writing doesn't get much more personal than this.



• **For the Outsider Looking In:** Danny Goldberg's resume includes everything from doing PR for Led Zeppelin to running three major record labels. He also managed a series of bands from Fleetwood Mac (during the divorce years) to Nirvana (when Kurt died). His memoire, Bumping into Geniuses, also details encounters with Springsteen, Kiss, Patti Smith and many others.



• **For the GnR Fan Who STILL Can't Get Enough:** Stephen Davis, author of the definitive Zeppelin bio, Hammer of the Gods, returns with Watch You Bleed: The Saga of Guns N' Roses. Among his many observations is that he says the band began to fall apart as soon as Izzy Stradlin left.



• **For Those Who Would Rather Just Listen:** Sorry about the shameless plug, but The Alan Cross Guide to Alternative Rock, Vols. 1-4 are out now. Audio books are great for the commute.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at exploremusic.com and ongoinghistory.com

Beyoncé tops chart

Beyoncé has scored her third straight No. 1 debut on the pop album chart with the double-disc I Am ... Sasha Fierce.

The Music World/Columbia album shifted a whopping 482,000 copies in the United States during the week ended Nov. 23, according to Nielsen SoundScan. The set, split between material credited to R&B star Beyonce and her new alter-ego, Sasha Fierce, has already spawned the hits If I Were a Boy and Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It). Beyoncé's Dangerously in Love, started with 317,000, while 2006's B-Day moved 541,000.

Beyoncé

In a week with seven top 20 debuts on the Billboard 200, Nickelback's Dark Horse sold 326,000 to start at No. 2. The rock outfit spent 156 weeks on the chart with previous album, 2005's All the Right Reasons. REUTERS

Metro recommends

• **TAYLOR SWIFT, FEARLESS:** Near perfect synergy of country twang and classy pop from a refreshingly open-hearted and golden-voiced teenager.

• **LIONESS, SELF-TITLED:** Haunting chanteuse amps up dark disco-infused electronica grand enough to suit either the dancefloor or your headphones.

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Law & Order episode inspired by Ledger's death
Late actor Heath Ledger's tragic death has reportedly inspired a new episode of U.S. TV crime drama Law & Order. Ledger died from a prescription drug overdose in January. IMDB.COM

Television

Priestley comes back home

90210 alum returns to Canada to host this year's Geminis

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When Jason Priestley was a young actor, he always used to see the notification cards given to nominees of Gemini Awards — Canada's highest television honour. But he never got one.

"I realized it was because I always work in America and of course I never get nominated for Geminis," says the Vancouver-born actor/director. "I started making a much more concerted effort to work more in Canada, thinking that one day I'd get nominated for a Gemini," he says airily, looking into the distance.

And, in 2003, he finally did … but he didn't win.

So when the event's organizers asked him to hand out an award at last year's ceremony, he didn't have to think twice. "Of course, I got on a plane and I flew to Regina and I presented an award at the Geminis. (I was) very excited to do that," proclaims Priestley.

Now, five years later, Priestley will retire the 90210 zip code where he found fame as Brandon Walsh for M5V 2W6, the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, where he'll switch roles to host this year's awards.

"This is my penultimate goal — hosting the Geminis. Every year, I feel like I'm just getting a little bit closer to my actual goal of actually winning a Gemini. Baby steps, you know what I mean?" he jokes.

It's not the first time the star has come home to host. In 1998, he emceed the Juno Awards — the nation's highest music honour. According to Priestley, his 10-year hosting hiatus has only benefited him.

"I'm 10 years older. I'm 10 pounds heavier. And that's going to make me 10 times better," he says, drawing laughs from his wife nearby.

But it wasn't Priestley's past awards experience that he believes drove Gemini organizers to revive his MC status.

"Apparently everybody else was booked and they got to the bottom of the list, they saw Jason Priestley and said, 'Meh, let's take a shot,'" he says, mockingly. "Seriously. Deal or No Deal is five nights a week. Howie Mandel couldn't make it. Here I am."

And for those more attuned to American shows like Mandel's over Canadian ones, Priestley says to watch the Gemini Awards, because you might be surprised by what you see.

"In one hour, you get to see a cross-section of the best in Canadian television and then, maybe something will spark with you and you'll go, 'Yeah, I'm going to put that on my PVR and I'll check it out later … after I watch Jon Stewart.'"

FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY IMAGES
Actor Jason Priestley will host the Gemini Awards show, which celebrates the best in Canadian television, tonight.

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Ray having benign cyst removed

Talk-show host Rachael Ray is undergoing surgery on Dec. 16 to remove a benign cyst in her throat. She will resume production on The Rachael Ray Show in January. **TVGUIDE.COM**

TV writers look to the economy

Hollywood trying to appeal to viewers in tough times

Working class men and women may soon steal Hollywood's spotlight from the not-so-desperate housewives of upscale Wisteria Lane as U.S. television writers consider how to appeal to viewers in tough economic times.

The buzz around Hollywood is that shows portraying over-the-top wealth like ABC's flashy Dirty Sexy Money are on their way out. Writers believe the time is again ripe for working-class comedies like the 1980s sitcom Roseanne and the 1970s blockbuster All in the Family.

"Many TV shows portray wealthy people and opulence, and I think these kinds of shows may have a problem with viewership. I think audiences want to see characters they can relate to," said Suzan Olson Davis, who has written for cop drama Saving Grace. Davis said she is now working on a pilot program for a series about the "lower middle class."

Paul Kagan of media research firm PK said viewers will increasingly turn to gritty crime dramas like CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, citing the wildly popular 1930s Depression-era radio classic The Shadow, about a mysterious vigilante.

"During a time of great problems, people like to see problems solved," said Kagan. "That's why I think these crime mystery programs are so popular and will continue to be popular."

Hollywood is fast approaching its "pilot season" early next year in which networks pick shows for the 2009-10 season, and many writers see an ever-widening gap between the rarefied worlds in programs like 90210 and Desperate Housewives, and the real world of failing banks and swelling unemployment.

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One thing seems certain. Since the start of the TV season in September, glitzy reality TV contests seem to be on the wane. Deal or No Deal has seen viewers drop nearly 30 per cent to about 8 million from last year, and Dancing With the Stars viewership was down about 9 per cent before ending its current cycle last night.

Moreover, writers expect hard times will mean fewer shows being made. The global economic crisis is already hurting advertising sales at many major TV networks.

Some experts believe the trend will be to produce tight, less-expensive drama and comedy as opposed to sprawling and more costly shows that require travel and technology.

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Television

FRIDAY 11/28/08

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Farce	Rick Mercer	Doctor Who (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		(:05) The Hour
	255	358	6	JOY	The Insider	Gemini Red	22nd Annual Genesis Awards		Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	20/20 (CC)		News (N)
	250	321	9	CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Law & Order "Bling" (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	90210 "The Jet Set" (CC)		90210 "Hollywood Forever"		NUMB3RS (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Instant Star	TMZ (N) (CC)	The School of Rock ★★★ (2003) Jack Black, Joan Cusack.				Stargate SG-1 (CC) (DVS)		News (CC)
	253	359	13	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Murdoch Mysteries (CC)		Crusoe (CC)		Price Is Right Salutes		EP Daily
	-	-	14	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Hates Chris	The Game (N)	Hates Chris	The Game	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Ghost Whisperer (CC)		NUMB3RS (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	The Incredibles ★★★ (2004) Voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter. (CC)					The Office	News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Polar Express ★★★ (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks.				20/20 (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	The School of Rock ★★★ (2003) Jack Black, Joan Cusack.				News (N)	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26	NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22	RSP	FSN Pro Football Preview		Hockey	Simply	Best Damn Sports Show		Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	SportsCentre	That's Hockey	SportsCentre	Off the Record	Boxing Marco Antonio Barrera vs. Sammy Ventura. (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	Uptown Girls ★★ (2003, Comedy) Brittany Murphy. (CC)				Smallville "Gemini" (CC)		Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	George	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	Father	Chicken	Life's a Zoo
variety	268	354	5	KNO	Hockey: A People's History		The Royal (CC)		Dalziel: A Killing Kindness		Wonderful, Horrible Life of Riefenstahl		
	575	583	20	CMT	Karaoke Star "Toronto, ON"		Anne Murray: One on One		Michael ★★★ (1996, Drama) John Travolta, Andie MacDowell, William Hurt.				
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		Criminal Minds "Aftermath"		CSI: Miami "CSI: My Nanny"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34	TLC	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Natalie"		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Tonya"		What Not
	616	522	39	SHO	Trailer Park	Red Carpet	Gemini Awards (N)		Testees (CC)	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Webdreams	Sin Cities
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:00) The Santa Clause (PA)		Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:10) Jungle 2 Jungle ★★ (1997) Tim Allen, Martin Short. (CC)				Bridget Jones
	603	561	52	FN	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ace of Cakes (CC)		Challenge Bartender battle.		Chef Abroad	The Wild Chef	Diner, Drive-In
	320	621	60	CEN	Sanctuary "Sanctuary for All"		Strange Wilderness ★ (2008) Steve Zahn.			300 ★★★ (2007, Action) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey. (CC)			
	581	566	101	MTV	The Hills	The Hills	After Show	Cribs (CC)	Dance Life	Dance Life	The Hills	The Hills	Made (CC)

SATURDAY 11/29/08

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Calgary Flames. (Live) (CC)					HNIC -- After Hours		News (CC)	HNIC Replay
	255	358	6	JOY	E News	The Soup	Soup Presents	Behind	Dr. 90210 "Reinvention"		Forbes 20 Under 25		E News
	250	321	9	CTV	W-FIVE (N) (CC) (DVS)		To Be Announced		Law & Order (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	Ultimate Engineering (CC)		Tank Overhaul "The Panther"		Painkiller Jane "Friendly Fire"		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13	CITY	Survivorman (CC)		Less-Kind	Kaya (CC)	Eve & the Fire Horse ★★★ (2005, Drama) Phoebe Jojo Kut.				Role
	-	-	14	CW	CSI: NY (CC)		Boston Legal "Hired Guns"		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "Summer in the City"		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		NUMB3RS "Thirteen" (CC)		48 Hours Mystery "Drawn to Murder" (N) (CC)				News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Backroads	Paid Program	Along Came Polly ★★ (2004) Ben Stiller. (CC)				KING 5 News		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	College Football Teams to Be Announced.			Whacked Out	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Luckiest Catch		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)
news	502	390	26	NW	Pagan Christ (CC)		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Pagan Christ (CC)		Sat. Report
	500	500	33	CNN	D.L. Hughley-News		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations
sports	407	419	22	RSP	High School Football Subway Bowl 2008. From British Columbia. (Live)					Simply	Sportsnet Connected		Poker
	400	400	30	TSN	Boxing Verno Phillips vs. Paul Williams. (Live) (CC)				SportsCentre	Poker	E:60 (N) (CC)		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	Wolverine	Transformers	Naruto (CC)	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach (CC)	Storm Hawks	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Chill Out Scooby-Doo! (2007, Comedy)			Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	Beavis and Butt-head Do America ★★ (CC)		
variety	268	354	5	KNO	Gabon: Triumph of the Wild		Heartbeat "Burying the Past"		Midsomer Murders "Midsomer Rhapsody" (CC)				Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	(6:00) The Christmas Shoes		Grand Ole Opry Live		The Christmas Shoes (2002) Rob Lowe, Kimberly Williams.				Coyote Ugly
	615	520	31	A&E	The Sopranos (CC)		The Sopranos "University"		CSI: Miami "Open Water"		CSI: Miami "Shock" (CC)		The Sopranos
	521	560	34	TLC	Trading Spaces (N) (CC)		16 Children and Moving In		Property Ladder (CC)		Trading Spaces (CC)		Little People
	616	522	39	SHO	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	Every Second Counts (2008, Drama) Stephen Collins. (CC)				50 First Dates ★★ (2004) Adam Sandler.		
	294	650	47	TBS	Funniest Movies of the Year		Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ★★ (1994) Jim Carrey. (CC)				Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls ★★ (1995)		
	603	561	52	FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		The F Word		Challenge (CC)		Top Chef (CC)		Nightmares
	320	621	60	CEN	Rails & Ties	Uncle Bob	Mad Money ★★ (2008) Diane Keaton. (CC)			(:45) The Pursuit of Happyness ★★★ (2006) Will Smith. (CC)			
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

SUNDAY 11/30/08

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Heartland "Summer's End"		Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ★★★ (2005) (Part 1 of 2)				Harry Potter-Goblet of Fire		News (CC)
	255	358	6	JOY	Mysteries	Mysteries	Extreme Makeover: Home		What Is Sexy? 2008		Real Housewives of OC		News (N)
	250	321	9	CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi	The Amazing Race 13 (N)		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) CSI: NY (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	16X9 (CC)	King of Hill	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (N) (CC)		Cold Case "Street Money" (N)		Cold Case (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13	CITY	2Half Men	2Half Men	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Less-Kind	Less-Kind	Role
	-	-	14	CW	Jericho "Pilot" (CC)		The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course ★★ (2002, Comedy)				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15	CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race 13 (N)		Cold Case "Street Money" (N)		The Unit (N) (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	NFL Football: Bears at Vikings			M. Holmgren	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	American Dad	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26	NW	Lady's Guide to Brothels Legalize brothels.			Our World	CBC News: Sunday Night		Lady's Guide to Brothels Legalize brothels.		
	500	500	33	CNN	D.L. Hughley-News		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations
sports	407	419	22	RSP	Boxing Jelena Mrdjenovich vs. Lindsey Scragg.				The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	NFL Football: Bears at Vikings			SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Strength	UEFA Champions League		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	Christmas With the Kranks		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	The Next Star (CC)		Falcon Beach (CC)		Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	George	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut ★★★		
variety	268	354	5	KNO	The Lost Film of Dian Fossey		Doc Martin (CC)		The Whistleblowers (CC)		Dalziel: A Killing Kindness		Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock (CC)				Crossroads		CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock		
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Man Down"		CSI: Miami "Broken Home"		CSI: Miami "Addiction" (CC)		CSI: Miami "No Man's Land"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34	TLC	The 750-Pound Man (CC)		Addicted to Food		I Eat 33,000 Calories a Day		The 750-Pound Man (CC)		Big-Obesity
	616	522	39	SHO	The Guard "Just Say No"		Siblings ★ (2004, Comedy) Alex Campbell, Sarah Gadon. (CC)				Weeds (CC)	Rescue Me	Kenny-Spenny
	294	650	47	TBS	Cheech & Chong: Roasted (N)		Laffapalooza! (N)		Men in Black ★★★ (1997) (PA) Tommy Lee Jones. (CC)				Son of-Mask
	603	561	52	FN	Jamie's Kitchen Australia		Chef School	At the Table	Challenge Edible decorations.		Iron Chef America (CC)		Jamie
	320	621	60	CEN	Life & Times	Cloverfield ★★★ (2008) Michael Stahl-David.			Dexter "Go Your Own Way"		Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber		
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	MTV Shuffle (CC)		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Shuffle

Dexter writer to make guest appearence

Writer Jeff Lindsay, who wrote Darkly Dreaming Dexter, the debut in a series of crime novels which were used as the inspiration in the grisly TV hit, Dexter, will play a vice detective guarding a hospital room in an episode set to air on Sunday. **IMDB.COM**

Television

Viewers on the rise — well, duh

FIRST THE GOOD NEWS: There are people who wouldn't consider it good news — I'm thinking of the nice but misguided souls behind TV Turnoff Week, or whatever they're calling it now — but as someone who can't see the downside of people getting more and more of their entertainment in the comfort of their homes, I was happy to read early this week that a new Nielsen study says that Americans are watching more TV than ever.

Gary Homes, a spokesman for Nielsen, told the Los Angeles Times business section that part of the reason is that there are more TVs in homes now. "That means that little Suzie can watch Gossip Girl in her bedroom," the Times wrote, "while Mom watches Dancing with the Stars in the basement and Dad watches football in the den. There also are more and more niche channels, which means more people are interested in the shows currently on TV, (Homes) said. This year, the Olympics and the political campaigns brought a lot of people to TVs who wouldn't necessarily have been watching so much."

All of which falls into the "duh" category, though for some reason it's easier for me to get away with a whole evening in front of the tube these days than it was when I was a kid, and sent to psychiatrists who were obsessed with then-voguish concerns about "TV addiction" and brain development. Maybe it's just because I'm the guy who pays for the TV these days — it's a good thing kids take years to learn about the benefits of property rights.

TV viewing on average us up about five hours a month from the same time last year, and time-shifted viewing is up 50 per cent, an increase that's likely to continue if the economy stays sour. Internet viewing is also on the rise, and will probably persist as consumers trim back on entertainment expenses. You can call file that news under obvious as well.

A more epochal sign of the times is the news that Fox, likely leading the pack as usual, is putting an end to Saturday morning cartoons, a TV programming institution since the dawn of the medium. Cable channels like Nickelodeon, Disney and the Cartoon Network, as well as Canadian networks such as YTV, Teletoon and Treehouse, have made the programming block obsolete, so Fox is turning it over to infomercials, and another cultural institution goes the way of late night movies, after-school specials and Billy Graham specials on prime-time.

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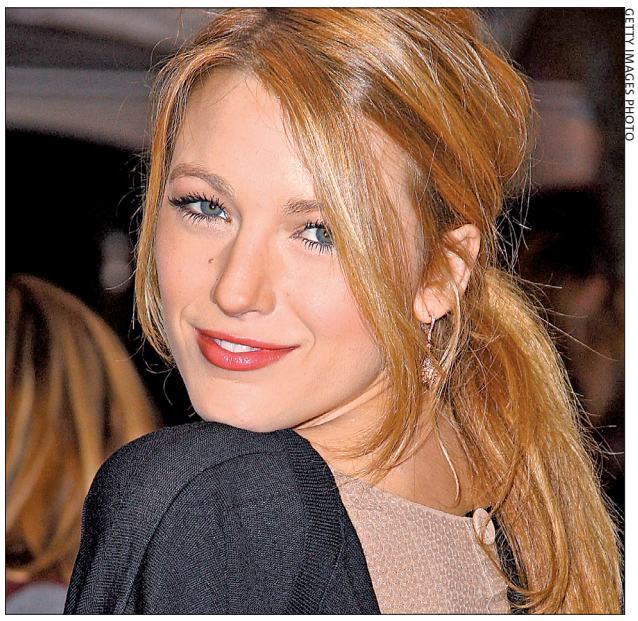

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With more televisions in the homes of families today, kids can watch Blake Lively in Gossip Girl in their bedrooms while other programs are watched elsewhere in the house.

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FROM HIP-HOPPERS and beat-boxers to free-stylers and free-runners, middle class kids wannabes get to learn once again why poor kids are cooler.

Britney: **For The Record**

Air date: Nov. 30
Network: MuchMusic

BECAUSE nothing says cautionary tale like the story of the girl who made "ex-Mouseketeer" into a vaguely obscene epithet.

So you think **You Can Dance**

Air date: Dec. 3
Network: CTV

THE end is near, as the final four are about to become the final two.

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Nov. 21, all night
Vancouver Art Gallery
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Nov. 28-29
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Whistler's original artisan market, offering goodies, treats and treasures to complete everyone's holiday shopping list. Featuring 100 artisans from the Sea to Sky Corridor, the Lower Mainland and beyond.

AC/DC

Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m.
GM Place
800 Griffiths Way

Aussie megaband AC/DC play the Garage as the first concert in their much-anticipated world tour. Thirty-five years after it was formed, the group is still topping charts around the globe.

Kiosk live

Nov. 30, 9:30 p.m.
Richard's on Richards
1036 Richards Street

The popular band plays songs from their new album, Global Zoo. A mix of social/political commentary and edgy Persian lyrics set to blues/rock/ jazz music. richardsonrichards.com

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Britney's comeback
All eyes will be on singer Britney Spears as she performs on the MTV Video Music Awards on Tuesday, Dec. 2. This show will be her first live performance since her MTV Video Awards disaster last year. The date of the show also coincides with her 27th birthday.

2 Chunky baubles
The hottest accessories right now are thick, jewel-encrusted necklaces and bracelets. Sparkle and shine by picking up jewelry with large crystals and prominent metalwork.

3 Hot chocolate
To add a kick to your holiday parties, serve guests spiced hot chocolate. Try mixing cinnamon, ancho or chili powder into the drink, and be sure to use either dark chocolate or unsweetened cocoa powder.

4 Twilight sequel
After the stunning success of the Twilight movie at box offices around the world, director Catherine Hardwicke is also talking about directing the sequel New Moon. The New Moon script has already been completed, exciting eager fans in the process.

5 Simpler gifts
As the economy continues to falter, consumers are embracing smaller and more frugal gifts for Christmas. Even Oprah Winfrey has adopted this trend by featuring less expensive items on her popular Favourite Things episode.

6 Cheerful carols
What better way to nurture your Christmas spirit than by listening to some holiday tunes? Whether it's Frank, Bing, or Mariah, Christmas music is now a seasonal staple in stores and homes.

7 West wows
Kanye West released his latest album, 808s and Heartbreak, this week. It marks a departure from West's traditional musical fare, featuring less rapping.

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I'm in Gastown's east-side poor relation, otherwise known as the Railtown neighbourhood. There's a homeless man across the street staring into the restaurant while fondling himself. But, it's the nicest and cosiest room I've seen in a long while. I'm hoping it's just the food that has him so riveted.

I'm riveted just from scanning the menu. It's a small list of choice selections that changes weekly and reads very well. Prices are fairly reasonable and the wine list looks equally good.

On the web

- Read the full article online at *metronews.ca/vancouver/columns*.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at *metronews.ca/vancouver/blogs*.

We had the five-course prix fixe ($45), which had hits and misses. Potato chowder topped with house-smoked and deep-fried salmon was savoury, rich, and one of the best items of the evening. Beef tartar with truffled quail egg and potato chips was a bit boring, due to no seasoning, so far as we could tell. The chicken crepe that followed had us confused, being neither chicken nor crepe. It was, in fact, duck, chopped with veggies over a very fine, slightly watered down omelette. It worked well — we just couldn't figure out the misnomer. The rest of the meal — a sunflower duck entrée and an apple tart dessert — was disappointing.

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Sunflower duck with potatoes and beurre carrots.

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In brief

AFTER FIVE YEARS and numerous awards, Aurora Bistro has closed due to the rising cost of business. We wish owner/chef Jeff Van Geest the best of luck.

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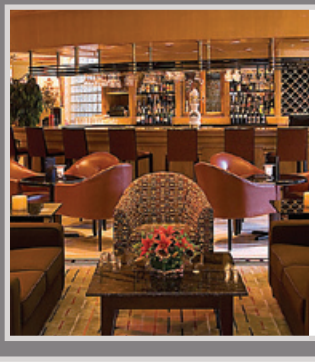

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Television

Escort in Boy George trial 'sexed up' story: Lawyer

Boy George's lawyer said Wednesday the man who has accused the British singer of tying him up and beating him with a chain last year "sexed up" his story to sell it to the press.

Lawyer Adrian Waterman told Snaresbrook Crown Court in east London that Norwegian male escort Audun Carlsen had lied about his meetings with the 47-year-old, best known for fronting the band Culture Club in the 1980s.

"You have lied to the police," he said. "You have tried to make this story more exciting. You have added details and you have sold your story to the press and you have every intention of doing so again."

Carlsen disagreed, saying: "Do you think I would put myself through all this for the sake of a few thousand pounds?"

During his cross-examination of the witness on the third day of the trial, Waterman suggested Carlsen had received injuries to his arm and neck from bondage gear worn during a photo shoot with Boy George, being tried under his real name George O'Dowd.

He produced coloured photographs taken on the night and showed them to the judge and jury. A short video clip was also shown.

Carlsen said the injuries were the result of his handcuffing and beating at the hands of O'Dowd, who sat impassively during Wednesday's hearing. O'Dowd denies one charge of false imprisonment.

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Singer Boy George, whose real name is George O'Dowd, leaves Snaresbrook Crown Court in east London.

Broadway's 'Great White Way' goes green

THEATRE Marquees in New York City's Broadway theatre district will go "green" this year as part of a plan to save energy and the environment.

Broadway's "Great White Way," nicknamed for the many marquee and billboard lights that flood the theatre district with light, will soon be the "Great Green Way," New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said at a news conference at the Eugene O'Neill Theater to launch the initiative.

"By this time next year, the lights on Broadway will burn just as bright, but the energy bills and our city's carbon output will be lower," Bloomberg said.

Already, 10 Broadway theatres have changed 10,000 exterior and interior bulbs to more energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs as part of the initiative organized by the mayor, the Broadway League and the National Resources Defense Council.

Broadway theatres plan to do everything from washing their costumes in cold water to producing and disposing of sets in a more environmentally friendly way to lower the theatre industry's carbon footprint, organizers said.

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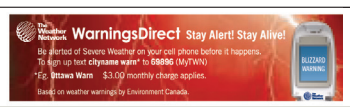

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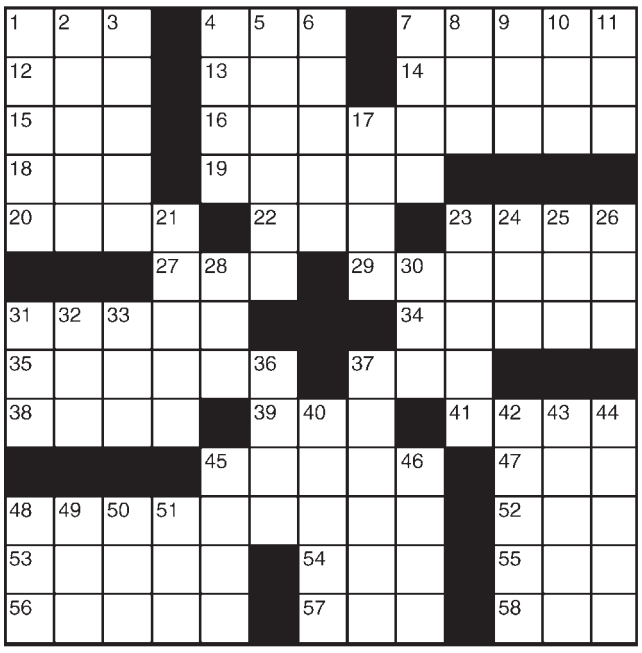

Crossword across

1 Bug killer
4 "— Wiedersehen"
7 Son of Japheth
12 Second person
13 Chromosome component
14 Home
15 Under the weather
16 Titmouse's cousin
18 Ph. bk. info
19 Bizarre
20 CSA uniforms
22 Pi follower
23 Entreaty
27 Feedbag tidbit
29 Swindle
31 Really bad
34 Blue hue
35 Printed calico
37 Wood-shaping tool
38 Chinese gang
39 Have
41 Host
45 Wine option
47 Perfume label word
48 Taco Bell mascot
52 Sleeve contents
53 Made on a loom
54 Rowboat need
55 Poorly lit
56 Rendezvous
57 On in years
58 For example

Crossword down

1 Very eager (to)
2 Sorrow
3 Oklahoma city
4 Not pizzicato
5 Not needing medical attention
6 Hill of music
7 Put together
8 Lawyers' org.
9 Pantheon member
10 "— to Joy"
11 "Golly!"
17 Gator's kin
21 Mormon leader
23 Popular takeout entree
24 Baton Rouge sch.
25 Always, in verse
26 Pub order
28 Model Carol
30 Conned
31 Performance
32 One of the five W's
33 Dorsal appendage
36 "J'accuse" writer
37 Yearly
40 Rodeo rider's cry
42 Peruses
43 "West Side Story" song
44 "Delish!"
45 Batter's tactic
46 Jack, e.g.
48 100 lbs.
49 Perp. to vert.
50 Trellis climber
51 "— So Fine"

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

6				3			9	
			8			1		
9		5			2	3		
		3						5
5		1	3		4	7		6
2						8		
		7	2			9		3
		6			5			
	2			8				4

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

9	1	2	5	7	3	4	6	8
3	5	6	8	4	9	7	2	1
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6	4	8	3	9	2	1	5	7
1	3	9	4	5	7	6	8	2
7	2	5	6	1	8	3	4	9
2	7	1	9	6	4	8	3	5
5	6	3	2	8	1	9	7	4
8	9	4	7	3	5	2	1	6

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

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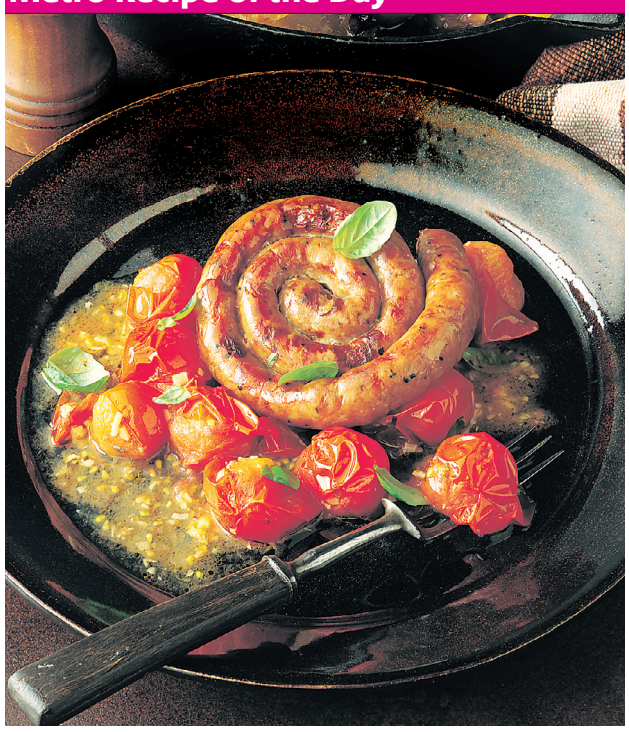

Sausages with Spiced Wine and Apples

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/4 cup (300 mL) dry white wine
1/2 lb (230g) pork or chicken sausages
1 shallot or 1/2 small onion
2 crisp dessert apples
5 tbsp (70g) butter, at room temperature
3/4 cup (175 mL) chicken or vegetable stock
2 tbsp (25 mL) light brown sugar
1/2 tsp (10 mL) ground cinnamon

METHOD:

1. Bring wine to boil in a large frying pan and poach sausages gently for 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, peel and grate shallot or onion; peel, quarter, core, and slice apples.
3. Gently melt small knob of butter in a second frying pan. Remove sausages from first pan, reserving wine. Discard loose skins and fry sausages slowly in butter until browned all over.
4. Meanwhile, add shallot or onion to white wine in first pan; with apples, stock, brown sugar, cinnamon and remaining butter. Bring mixture to boil, reduce heat and simmer until apples become tender and liquid is reduced to thin syrup. Serve with apple sauce.

SERVES 2

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to **rd.ca** or check out **Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!**

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A concerned friend helps you to understand. It's too late to apologize for an impulsive reaction. Co-operation can help to break bad habits.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A new job prospect is revealed by chance. The next few weeks bring fresh revelations. Put a stop to constant phone calls.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A hush-hush project will soon be in the news. Sort out the disorder in your affairs. An eccentric person reveals a history of defiance.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A sense of destiny lifts your mood. Confusion about acceptable behaviour is troubling. Tell people what they want to hear.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Deep thoughts will baffle you. A friend comes clean about an ulterior motive. Carelessness leads to harsh words.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Being guarded impedes your progress. Step in to ease the burdens of others. Disappointments will melt away by night time.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Let go of an argument before being forced to. You'll make a hasty decision. Contact a relative for peace of mind.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Unexpected rules will lighten your workload. A bully will cause a sleepless night. Ease your conscience about a minor rebellion.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone is keeping an eye on you. Do something you've been afraid to try. Make an exit from a stifling stalemate.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't drive anyone crazy with your ambitious plans. A conflict leads to torment for a friend. Prompt action outwits a protective person.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Be kind to a woman in love. A strange reaction should be observed closely. An old friend makes things right again.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A woman's suggestion will lessen your worries. Someone will leave the scene. A nerdy guy will cause amusing confusion.

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Smulders and Killam expecting
How I Met Your Mother star Cobie Smulders and actor Taran Killam are expecting their first child. Smulders, who plays Robin Scherbatsky on the CBS hit, is due in late spring. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Moss plays a prank on paps

CELEBRITY Supermodel Kate Moss has played a slippery game with the hordes of snappers who follow her every move — she soaked them with freezing water after a night out in London, imdb.com reports.

Moss was enjoying a night out with her beau Jamie Hince and retail mogul Sir Philip Green on Tuesday night when she was followed by a group of paparazzi.

Instead of posing for pictures, Moss seemingly had enough of the photographers' constant pursuit, turning a hosepipe on them from the safety of her North London home.

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I overdid the gym: Pattinson

EXERCISE Actor Robert Pattinson's weight plummeted as he filmed vampire movie Twilight, because he virtually lived in the gym, imdb.com reports.

Pattinson put himself on a punishing exercise regimen during filming, sometimes working out for five hours a day. It was only after intervention from the film's director that Pattinson realized he was overdoing it.

"(Catherine Hardwicke) came up to me and said, 'What are you doing to yourself?'" he tells Entertainment Weekly. "(To gain weight,) I literally stopped exercising. Eating a cheeseburger after two-and-a-half months of doing that — it tasted like ambrosia." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Leibovitz defends saucy Cyrus shots

CONTROVERSY Celebrity photographer Annie Leibovitz insists her controversial Miley Cyrus shoot for Vanity Fair was justified, because the pictures of the teenager were "innocent," imdb.com reports.

Leibovitz's photos of the Hannah Montana star, wearing just a blanket wrapped around her bare back and chest, caused outrage earlier this year because the singer/actress was aged just 15 at the time.

Cyrus and Leibowitz both issued apologies over the shoot — but the photographer is adamant the results were misinterpreted.

"The Miley picture was a beautiful, strong, simple picture," she tells the New York Post. "I think it's actually sort of innocent on some level. She loved taking that picture, and she was ready to take that picture.

"It's just that her audience wasn't ready." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Naomi engaged?

MARRIAGE Supermodel Naomi Campbell has sparked rumours she is set to marry her boyfriend, after showing off a huge emerald ring on her wedding finger, imdb.com reports.

Campbell escorted her boyfriend Vladislav Doronin to a lavish magazine party in his native Moscow on Tuesday and reportedly stunned revellers with a show-stopping sparkler.

Insiders at the bash claim Doronin was introducing Campbell to his well-connected friends before they announce their engagement.

"She was very pointedly looking at her ring and admiring it," a source tells Britain's The Sun.

The pair, who have been dating since May, denied they were planning to settle down and start a family, with Campbell's lawyers insisting the reports were "absolutely false and fabricated." METRO NEWS SERVICES

I'm courageous, Tom Cruise says

OPINIONS Tom Cruise says he is "courageous," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor has revealed he discovered his brave side while portraying Second World War German officer Claus Von Stauffenberg in new movie Valkyrie.

"Stauffenberg went from saying, 'Someone should shoot that b— to realizing, 'I'm the only one who can do it.' You can't really know until you're under that kind of pressure. I'm not saying this in some chest-pounding way, but I do feel I'd have that kind of courage," Cruise said.

Cruise added that he disregarded people's advice about starring in the film, which sees him don a Nazi uniform.

"There's always someone telling you not to make a movie," he told Details magazine. "When I did Born on the Fourth of July, they said, 'This is going to ruin your career. What are you doing?' Suicide? I've committed it. There were even people who didn't want me to make Top Gun."

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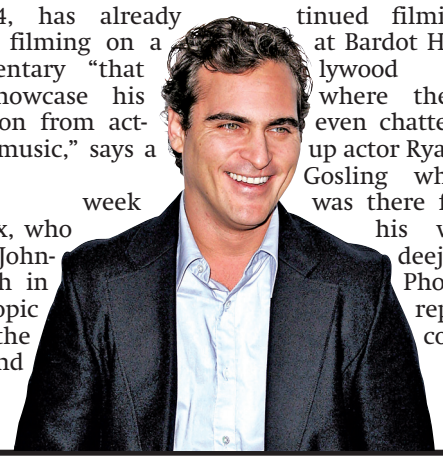
Phoenix films switch

CAREER After announcing his retirement from acting in late October, Joaquin Phoenix is taking a stab at a music career — and documenting the road to stardom, People.com reports.

The Oscar-nominated actor, 34, has already started filming on a documentary "that will showcase his transition from acting to music," says a source.

Last week Phoenix, who played Johnny Cash in the biopic Walk the Line, and his friend Casey Affleck hit Culver City night spot Carbon for their funk night where Phoenix surprised the crowd with a rap performance which Affleck recorded.

The duo later continued filming at Bardot Hollywood where they even chatted up actor Ryan Gosling who was there for his weekly deejay gig. Phoenix's rep had no comment. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Houston denies Brown reunion

RELATIONSHIPS Whitney Houston has denied reports she's reunited with ex-husband Bobby Brown after the pair was spotted enjoying a romantic dinner together in Georgia, imdb.com reports.

Houston and Brown sparked reports they had rekindled their romance after photographs surfaced of the pair spending time together on a number of occasions in the state, reports the Chicago Sun Times.

A spokesperson for Houston says the former couple remain separate, "but good friends whose primary interest is the well-being of their daughter."

The singers ended their 15-year marriage in April 2007, with Houston reportedly struggling to overcome her drug addiction and working to make a music comeback.

They have a 15-year-old daughter, named Bobbi Kristina, together.

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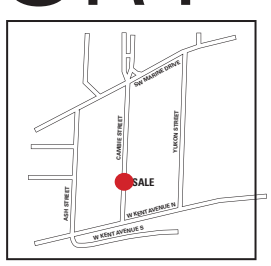

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Calorie-counting Carey says no to champagne
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Celebrity Buzz

Braff feels liberated after quitting Scrubs

CAREER Actor Zach Braff has confirmed his exit from TV comedy Scrubs, confessing he feels free now that he's quit his role as Dr. John (J.D.) Dorian, imdb.com reports.

The news ends long-running rumours he is leaving the hit show, along with creator Bill Lawrence and co-star Judy Reyes, after the series' eighth season, which premieres in the U.S. in January.

Braff reportedly can't wait to branch out of TV and try new movie roles, because he always felt restricted while on contract with the program.

"(I left Scrubs because) there's so much I want to do with my life. (It was) the most amazing experience of my life, but when you work on a television series, they own you," he says.

Braff has already started to make full use of his newfound freedom — he's travelled to Tel Aviv, Israel and even gained his pilot's licence — things he doubts the show's insurers would have allowed him to do.

"I don't think they'd let me come here (to Tel Aviv). They wouldn't let me take flying lessons."

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Britney's alleged diet sparks worry

PEOPLE Pop star Britney Spears, who recently unveiled a newly toned figure which she claims is down to a healthy eating and fitness regime, is battling an eating disorder, one of her bodyguards has allegedly revealed.

"Britney's diet consists mostly of Taco Bell and turkey jerky washed down with Red Bull," a source close to one of Spears' bodyguards told Star magazine.

It has also been claimed the 26-year-old star is taking diet pills in order to maintain her new slim shape.

"The pills are like diuretics," another source said. "It just runs right through her."

Spears, who is said to have lost around 28 pounds in the last year, reportedly starting shedding weight when she began training for her upcoming world tour.

"Britney is thrilled she has finally got her pre-baby body," the source said. "But we are really worried she might not be going about it in the healthiest way."

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Reese a shy speaker

LIFE Reese Witherspoon was devastated when she won an Academy Award in 2006 for her role in Johnny Cash biopic Walk The Line, because it forced her to confront her fear of public speaking, imdb.com reports.

While all the other Best Actress nominees at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre hoped and prayed for their names to be read out, Witherspoon insists she wasn't ready to step up onstage and address the star-studded audience.

"The whole time I was sitting there, hoping they wouldn't call my name, just because the idea of having to give a speech in front of everyone in the world is terrifying," she says. "It basically sums up who you are and you know it's going to be the clip that people show for the rest of your life. I don't know if you're ever prepared for that. (You hope) not to pass out on the way (to the stage) and not trip on yourself, or say any profanities or anything like that, because you know a few come to mind."

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Jolie still mourns mom

FAMILY Angelina Jolie is "still a mess" over the death of her mother, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, whose mother died in January 2007, is still struggling to come to terms with life without Marcheline Bertrand, and is worried she will never be as close to anyone else again.

"She has to keep it together for the sake of her kids, but she is only human and falls apart from time to time," a source said. "She is still a mess over Marcheline's departure, believing no one understands her the way her mother did. They had a very strong bond that she feels she will never have with another person."

Jolie reportedly depends on partner Brad Pitt for support during her darkest times, and also relies on her six children to raise her spirits.

"Brad has been her rock, and he will always be there for her," the source added. "Without his love, she would never have been able to cope."

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Law, Frost back together?

RELATIONSHIPS Actor Jude Law and Sadie Frost have sparked rumours of a reconciliation after going house hunting together, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former couple, who divorced in 2003 after six years of marriage, are said to be getting their relationship back on track and have decided to purchase a property to give the four children they raise together a family home in the countryside.

"Jude and Sadie have been getting on fantastically in the past six months, " a source says. "He decided to help her buy some where in Hampshire, in the countryside, a real family place. They plan to invest together and give their children a truly loving home."

Law and Frost have also booked a vacation to South America with their kids so they can all spend Christmas together.

"They have always tried to stay on good terms for the sake of their kids and Christmas is important to both of them. So this year they're splashing out on a luxury break to Brazil to spend the festive break as a family," the source adds to Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper. "Pals are desperately hoping a romantic reunion is on the cards."

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Nun role won't suit Portman

ACTING Natalie Portman turned down the chance to play a nun opposite movie great Meryl Streep in Doubt because she can't get her head around celibacy, imdb.com reports.

The actress was at one point very interested in the movie adaptation of John Patrick Shanley's hit play but she turned the part down because she couldn't see herself as a lifelong virgin.

The playwright who also directed the movie told GossipSauce.com: "Natalie was very interested but kept saying she had a problem. And we finally nailed down as to what the problem was: she basically said she didn't understand celibacy."

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Winslet loves new wrinkles

PEOPLE Kate Winslet says she "loves" her wrinkles, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 33-year-old actress insists she would never have Botox, which smoothes out facial lines, injected into her forehead because she enjoys seeing her face change as she gets older.

"I just love seeing those things," she says. "I am enjoying my face changing, as well as realizing that at the same time, as you get older, the machine isn't as well-oiled as it was."

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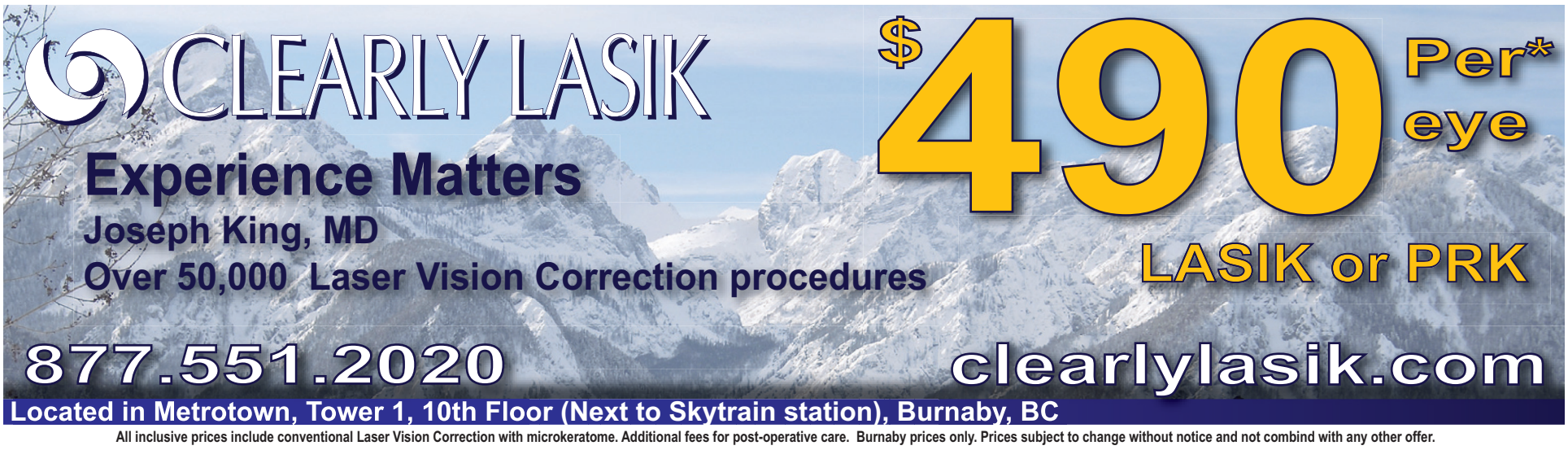

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